

The problem is not acute in other States and Union Territories.

The number of wild and stray cattle rounded up in the States of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Delhi since the inception of the Scheme is given below in respect of the period for which information is available:—

State	No.	Period
Punjab	150	1958-59
Jammu & Kashmir	492	1957-58 and up to 31st October 1958.
Delhi	40,854	From 1956-57 and upto 31st December 1958.

#### Purchase of Railway Sleepers from Karrai

2054. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Warrior:  
Shri Kodiyaa:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from workers of the Public Works Department, Kozikode, regarding purchase of railway sleepers from Karrai;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to purchase sleepers from that area before this financial year ends; and

(c) any scheme to purchase in the next budget year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). The question of purchasing some more sleepers is under consideration of the Southern Railway

Sleepers from trade are normally purchased through open tenders according to the requirements of the Railways from time to time and according to treatment capacity of sleeper Treatment Plants

#### Rail Link between Assam and Sabroom

2055. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura Railway Initiation Committee have recently submitted a memorandum for construction of a new railway line from the Assam border to Sabroom in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the reactions of the Government of India to the proposal for construction of the new line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Railway Minister's announcement in the Lok Sabha on 3rd March, 1959 about the extension of a line to Tripura from Patharkandi to Dharamnagar while replying to the Debate on the Railway Budget for 1959-60

#### अनुसूचित जातियों के लिये संरक्षण

२०५६. स्वामी राजानन्द शास्त्री : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) भारतीय रेलों में सहायक इंजीनियरों (सिविल) की रिक्तियों में से, जिन के लिये अप्रैल, १९५७ में संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आवेदन-पत्र मागे गये थे, कितने वद अनुसूचित जातियों के लिये सुरक्षित रखे गये थे ,

(ख) अनुसूचित जाति के उम्मीदवारों ने कितने आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए ;

(ग) कितने उम्मीदवारों को साक्षात् परीक्षा के लिये बुलाया गया ;

(घ) अनुसूचित जाति के कितने उम्मीदवारों को चुना गया ; और

(ङ) यदि अनुसूचित जाति का कोई उम्मीदवार नहीं चुना गया, तो इस का क्या कारण है ?