

Railway Testing and Research Centre, Lucknow

1514. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the experiments conducted by the Railway Testing and Research Centre, Lucknow in connection with the improvement of safety devices on Indian Railways have proved successful?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): A flood warning device for installation at bridges has been tried under field conditions and proved successful. Other safety devices developed at the Research Centre have not yet been fully tested.

Derailment near Khurmabad Road Station

1515. **Shri Subiman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the engine in 2 Down Kalka-Delhi-Howrah Mail which along with 8 bogies was derailed between Khurmabad Road and Shiv Sagar Road Station on the Eastern Railway on the 13th August, 1959;

(b) what was the age of the engine and from which station it was taken;

(c) whether the engine was examined by the Railway Officers who enquired into the causes of the accident;

(d) if so, what is the report regarding the engine; and

(e) if reply to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons for not examining the engine?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 3053 WP.

(b) The engine was placed in service on 5t August, 1958 and belonged to Gomoh running shed.

(c) The engine was examined by the Government Inspector of Railways who enquired into the accident.

(d) There was nothing wrong with the engine which could have caused the accident.

(e) Does not arise.

Andamans Forest Department

1516. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Sardar A. S. Saigal:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in two places in Middle and North Andamans in the paddy fields 2 to 4 displaced persons have died and a few injured due to falling of commercial timber trees left over by Forest Department; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes Sir. Two persons died and one person was slightly injured due to the fall of one papita tree in June, 1959 at Atlanta Bay (now known as Durgapur) in North Andamans. The tree fell on account of a severe storm and not due to any damage to its lateral roots. In the areas cleared by the Forest Department for colonisation purposes in the North Andamans, commercial timber trees have been left standing because M/S P. C. Ray & Company to whom the North Andamans forests have been leased out, have the felling rights on these commercial trees. All the trees left over are healthy and growing.

(b) The question of taking any action does not arise as the deaths and injuries were due to natural circumstances over which no one has any control.

Andamans Forests

1517. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Sardar A. S. Saigal:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Andamans in the Collinpur area 400 acres jungle said