

*The figures of earnings for March, 1960 are not yet available pending closing of the accounts for 1959-60 which will include also the usual annual adjustments for certain items.

Selection Posts on Railways

2875. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Siddiah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of selection posts vacant in each Railway as on 1st April, 1960;

(b) the progress since made in filling up the vacancies; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who have been promoted to fill up these vacancies (cadre-wise) so far?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Railway Accidents

2876. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of minor accidents and derailments relating to trains were more in 1959-60 as compared to 1958-59;

(b) if so, the number of such accidents and derailments during the period from November, 1959 to 31st March, 1960;

(c) the causes of the accidents and derailments; and

(d) the number of persons injured or killed as a result of these accidents and the number of railway employees among them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, the total number of train accidents during the year 1959-60 were slightly less

as compared to the corresponding figure of 1958-59, though derailments were more as would be observed from the following figures:

Category	1958-59	1959-60
Collisions	108	109
Deraillments	1,390	1,458
Trains running into Road traffic at Level crossing	150	129
Fires in trains	367	305
TOTAL	2,015	2,001

(b) The number of such accidents during the period from November 1959 to February 1960 were as follows:

Category	Total No.
Collisions	43
Deraillments	462
Trains running into Road traffic at Level crossing	55
Fires in trains	93
TOTAL	653

Particulars for the month of March, 1960 are not yet available.

(c) A cause-wise analysis of these accidents is as under:

Cause	No. of accidents due to
Failure of Railway Staff	325
Failure of Equipment (Mechanical, Electrical track etc.)	76
Failure of other than Railway staff	53
Sabotage or tampering with track	2
Other miscellaneous causes	76
Cause not yet finalised	121
Total	653

(d)

	Killed	Injured
Railway employees	8	59
Others	?	213
Total	8	272