

Villupuram-Katpadi section of Southern Railway during these years was :—

1959	—	4
1960	—	5
1961	—	Nil
(upto 20-3-61)		

(c) Causes of these derailments were:—

Failure of Railway Staff	—	6
Failure of Mechanical Equipment	—	3
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	Total	9
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(d) Remedial measures, an indication of which has been given in the 'Review of Accidents' supplied to the Hon'ble Members along with the Budget papers, continue to be taken by the Railway Administration to reduce the incidence of accidents.

Over-Bridge at Thana

2964. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pregnant woman died on the 11th March, 1961 in an accident while crossing the Railway line in Thana;

(b) whether it is a fact that accidents often take place on that spot as there is no over-bridge to go to city;

(c) whether it is a fact that several representations have been made to Railway Authorities and Railway Minister also in this regard; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken by the Railway Authorities about the construction of over-bridge there?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, not on 11-3-1961 but on 10.3.1961.

(b) No, Sir. A foot over-bridge exists at the Kalyan end of station connecting all the platforms for use of the *bona fide* passengers. There were three cases (two in 1960 and one in 1961) where trespassers were run over and killed.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received by the Central Railway Authorities.

(d) Provision of an additional foot over-bridge across, all the railway lines is under consideration. If this scheme is approved by the Railway Users' Consultative Committee and necessary funds become available, the work will be taken up in the year 1962-63. A proposal has also been received from the C.P.W.D. for an over-bridge on the Eastern Express Highway, near Kpori Colony, Thana, at mile 19|20-21. The scheme will be planned for execution if the Road Authority agrees to bear their portion of the cost according to the extent rules and indicate the year when they would be able to provide funds.

रेलवे में अस्थायी इंजीनियर

२९६५. श्री प० ला० बाबूपाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९४२ में उत्तर-पश्चिम रेलवे में कुछ अस्थायी इंजीनियर रखे गए थे ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह इंजीनियर १२ वर्ष तक अस्थायी रूप से कार्य करते रहे और इस बीच कुछ स्थाई इंजीनियर भी भर्ती किये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि जो इंजीनियर बाद में रखे गये हैं उनको वरिष्ठ मान लिया गया है जिसके कारण पहले से कार्य करने लों को काफी हानि हुई है ;

(घ) क्या अस्थायी इंजीनियरों को स्थायी करने पर उनकी अस्थायी समय की सेवा गणना में नहीं ली गई है ; और

(ङ) इस विषय में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ।

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां):

(क) जी हां ।