

repairs to other electrical plant, equipment and appliances used in railway installations. Due to the large variety and numbers of the electrical appliances overhauled and repaired, no separate statistics for unit cost are maintained. No major electrical equipments are manufactured in Railway Electrical Workshops.

Pooling of Air Services

193. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has entered into a pool agreement with Aden Airways and East African Airways;

(b) if so, the purpose and main features of the agreement; and

(c) the advantages anticipated therefrom?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revenues earned by the three airlines on the sectors Aden/Nairobi/Aden will be pooled and shared in certain agreed proportions.

(c) As in the case of other Pool Agreements, this Agreement will result in closer co-operation between the three airlines leading to co-ordination of schedules, avoidance of wasteful competition on the route and better service to the public.

Nizamabad-Purna Section

194. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 wagons of a goods train went off the rails on the Nizamabad-Purna section of the Central Railway between Mugat and Nander railway stations on Saturday the 9th May, 1964; and

(b) if so, the details of the accident and the extent of loss, if any, to the railways?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Eight wagons got derailed and another 4 capsized.

(b) At about 14:05 hours on 9-5-64, while goods train No. 1-35 Dn. was running between Mugat and Nander stations on the Nizamabad-Purna Metre Gauge single line section of Central Railway, 8 wagons got derailed and another 4 capsized interrupting through communications.

The cost of damage to railway property was approximately Rs. 5,372/-.

Monamathura-Virudanagar Railway Line

195. { **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shrimati Akkamma Devi:
Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:
Shri N. P. Yadav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Monamathura-Virudanagar railway line in Madras would be opened to public traffic very soon;

(b) whether Government propose to open a railway line connecting Trivandrum, Cape Comorin and Tirunelveli; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the scheme and the total expenditure involved therein?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The remaining Arupukottai-Manamadurai portion of the line was opened to public traffic on 25th May, 1964.

(b) and (c). This line is not included in the Railway's programme of construction during the Third Plan period. However, Preliminary Engineering and Traffic surveys for this line have been sanctioned and the survey work is in progress.