

Purchase of Railway Stores

792. Shri Rájdeo Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the daily cost of purchase of stores made by the various Stores Depots functioning under the Northern Railway; and

(b) how it compares with the figures for various other zonal railways?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Rs. 160.

(b) The comparative figures of the other zonal railways are as under:

	Rs.
Central	232
Eastern	142
North-Eastern	No purchases are made by Depots.
Northeast-	10 approximate
Southern	19
South-Eastern	No purchases are made by Depots.
Western	335

Incident at Ghatkopar Station

793. Shri Sonavane:
Shri R. Barua:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Dighe:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 5th July, 1966, the travelling public and mob collected at Ghatkopar Railway Station in Bombay, stopped local trains, burnt the Booking Office and destroyed some Railway property as a result of the misunderstanding that a third head-on collision was likely but was averted; and

(b) if so, the particulars of the incident and the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) At about 10.10 hours on 5-7-1966, G.4 Up (Ghatkopar to Bombay VT) local train, left platform No. 1 at Ghatkopar station and was crossing over on to the Up line, when the Thana bound local No. T.39 Dn. was approaching Ghatkopar station. The down automatic signal of Ghatkopar station was reported to be showing red at that time because the Up local G4 was leaving Ghatkopar station, Approaching train No. T.39 over shot and stopped about 80 ft. ahead of the Ghatkopar Signal, at Km. 18|17. This appears to have angered some members of the public. A large crowd gathered and started pelting stones at the station buildings, local trains and cabins, looted cash and set fire to the Jawahar Road Booking Office. 30 Police and Fire Brigade personnel were injured as a result of stone throwing and damage to property was about Rs. 25,000.

Detention of Delhi-Kalka Train at Sonapat

794. Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Dasaratha Deb:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri Jasvant Mehta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi-Kalka passenger train was held up at Sonapat on the 6th July, 1966 because of a dispute between the Guard and two railway constables;

(b) if so, the cause of the dispute;

(c) whether the Guard and the Assistant Station Master were beaten by the Constables; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to protect the Railway employees from such police attacks?