

sociation had demanded that railway medical officers be brought on par with Medical Officers in the Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) whether there was general discontent among the Railway Doctors because of this disparity; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

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

(b) Several representations have been received from Railway Medical Officers.

(c) The case of Railway Medical Officers is under consideration of the Railway Board.

#### **Accident between Pakkam and Madurantakam Stations**

**2973. Shri Ram Harakh Yadav:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rameshwaram-Madras Passenger train met with an accident between Pakkam and Madurantakam stations on the Southern Railway on the 3rd November, 1966;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident; and

(c) the total amount of loss to the Railway property due to the accident?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):** (a) Yes.

(b) *Prima facie*, the cause of the accident was the cyclonic weather conditions prevailing at that time.

(c) The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 21,225/-.

#### **Import of Art Silk**

**2974. Shri Subbaraman:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and quality of art silk imported during 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66;

(b) from which countries it has been imported; and

(c) the uses to which it is put in the country?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The quantity and quality of art silk and other synthetic yarns imported during 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66 was as under:—

(Quantity in Million Kgs)

Year	Visocose rayon yarn	Acetate rayon yarn	Cupramon-rum rayon yarn	Synthetic yarn	Total
1963-64	4.274	0.590	1.470	4.882	11.225
1964-65	1.149	0.905	2.322	6.928	11.304
1965-66	0.179	0.163	0.367	3.727	4.435

(b) Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Canada, France, Germany (East), Germany (West), Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and U. K.

(c) The imported art silk and other synthetic yarns are used for the manufacture of woven/knitted fabrics, hosiery, ropes, cordage, braids etc.

#### **Allowance Paid to Typists on Indian Railways**

**2975. Shri Rajdeo Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Typists on the Railways are not paid Machine Allowances, whereas Punch