

approach of the present Board of Directors of M/s. Bird & Co. Ltd. appointed by the Central Government under section 408(1) of the Act. A representation has also been received from Shri Samar Mukherjee, M. P. dated 20-5-77 wherein, besides the above allegation, it has also been pointed out, that the Management had extracted huge amounts by way of sales commission from Titaghur Paper Mills Co. Ltd. for year's together in the name "Lyons Range Agency" till 1974-75.

Government has also received representation of Shri Samar Mukherjee, M.P. dated 4.4.77 and Shri Purna Narayan Sinha, M.P. dated 17.6.77 alleging that by manipulating the Savings Trust, Shri Pran Prasad, who was the Chairman of Bird Heilgers Group till 1972, had acquired for himself and his family all the assets of Heilgers Sub-Group of companies aggregating to about Rs. 10 crores.

(c) The Company Law Board has considered the matter and passed orders of investigation u/s 237(b) of the Companies Act, 1956 on 30-7-77.

रेल दुर्घटनाएं

*320. श्री बापूरावजी मारुतरावजी
देशमुख :
श्री गोविन्दराव रामचन्द्र
म्हासेकर :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जून, 1977 से कितनी रेल दुर्घटनाएँ हुई हैं और इन दुर्घटनाओं में जन सम्पत्ति की कितनी हानि हुई है ; और

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं के लिये उत्तरदायी पाये गये व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

Railway accidents

*320. SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-
RAOJI DESHMUKH: SHRI
GOVINDRAO RAMCHANDRA
MHAISEKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents which took place since the 1st June, 1977 and the loss of life and property involved in these accidents; and

(b) the details of the action taken against persons found responsible for these accidents?]

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) : (क)
और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख
दिया गया है ।

विवरण

(क) 1-6-1977 से 20-7-1977 तक की अवधि के दौरान भारत की सरकारी रेलों पर टक्कर लगने, पटरी से उतरने, सम-पार पर दुर्घटनाएँ होने और गाड़ियों में आग लगने की कोटियों में 120 गाड़ी दुर्घटनाएँ हुई । इन दुर्घटनाओं में एक रेल कर्मचारी, 4 यात्रियों और 17 सड़क उपयोगकर्ताओं की मृत्यु हुई । रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 40,83,282 रुपये की क्षति का अनुमान लगाया गया है ।

(ख) चूँकि ये दुर्घटनाएँ हाल ही में हुई हैं, इसलिए अधिकांश दुर्घटनाओं के सम्बन्ध में जांच अभी पूरी नहीं हुई है ।

f [THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a)
and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of
the House.

Statement. ...

(a) During the period 1-6-1977 to 20-7-1977, there were 120 train acci-

t [] English translation.

dents in the categories of collisions, derailments, level crossing accidents and fires in trains on the Indian Government Railways. In these accidents, one railway staff, 4 passengers and 17 road users lost their lives. The cost of damage to railway property has been estimated at approximately Rs. 40,83,282.

(b) Inquiries into most of these accidents have not yet been finalised as these accidents have occurred recently.]

Introduction of Diesel Train from Jabalpur to Nagpur

*321. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the absence of direct fast trains, passengers going from Jabalpur to Nagpur *via* Chhindwara have to face great hardship with the result that most of the travelling public is compelled to take to road transport;

(b) whether an estimate of the financial loss thus suffered by the Railways has been prepared; if so, what is the average loss in a year; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a direct diesel run fast train from Jabalpur to Nagpur *via* Chhindwara to provide relief to the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) No Sir, ^{1/2} Jabalpur-Gondia (Narrow Gauge) Satpura Express provides connection with *i* (Broad Gauge) Bombay-Howrah Mail at Gondia providing a very fast service between Jabalpur and Nagpur. For the passengers on Nainpur-Chhindwara-Nagpur section 2 pairs of trains including one pair providing an over-night service is already available.

(c) No, Sir

Classless Trains

*322. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT; SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when and on which route the first classless train is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): The first train to be introduced before the end of this month with only Second Class accommodation and improved amenities will be the fast intercity train between Madras Egmore and Madurai to be named as Vaigai Express.

Retrenchment of Labourers

*323. SHRI PHANINDRA NATH HANSDA; SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA; SHRI BHAIKAR CHANDRA MAHANTI; SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that recently nearly one hundred labourers who were working for the last ten years or more in the Bhadrak-Kapilas Road and Cuttack-Paradip doubling projects have been retrenched; if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): On completion of the Cuttack-Paradip New Line Project, 900 casual labour have become surplus. Their retrenchment has become unavoidable, but this is being done in a phased manner to enable as many as possible to get absorbed elsewhere. 100 men were discharged on 1-6.1977 and another 100 on 4-7.1977. The discharged men are encouraged to join a Labour Cooperative Society which has been awarded a contract on the nearby Jakhapura-Daitari construction project in the State of Orissa.