

that its performance under Indian conditions could be assessed.

FREE TRAVEL FACILITIES TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

237. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 per cent of the 1st class railway passengers are pass-holders from whom no fare is charged;

(b) if so, the percentage of railway employees among them who travel free on the Railways;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to review the facilities of free railway passes etc. given to railway employees; and

(d) whether all the members of the family of railway employees are also entitled to travel free on the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Estimates Committee have made certain recommendations in this respect which are under consideration.

(d) Members of the family of Railway employees are eligible for inclusion in free passes, strictly according to the definitions given in the Pass Rules.

मरथाना में रेलगाड़ी का पटरी से उतरना

238. श्री दत्तोपन्त ठेंगड़ी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कानपुर से 70 मील दूर मरथाना में 14 डाउन अपर इण्डिया एक्सप्रेस का इंजिन और 6 डिब्बे पटरी से उतर गए थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस दुर्घटना के फलस्वरूप कितने व्यक्ति मारे गए तथा

कितने घायल हुए और रेलवे को कितने रुपये की क्षति उठानी पड़ी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने दुर्घटना की कोई जांच की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के क्या कारण थे?

†[DERAILMENT OF TRAIN AT MARTHANA

238. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engine and 6 bogies of the 14 Down Upper India Express were derailed recently at Marthana, 70 miles from Kanpur;

(b) if so, the number of persons who were killed and injured as a result of the accident and the loss in terms of Rupees suffered by the Railways;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the accident by Government; and

(d) if so, what were the causes of the accident?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पूनाचा) :

(क) सम्भवतः माननीय सदस्य का आशय उस दुर्घटना से है जो 1-1-1968 को मरथाना स्टेशन पर (कानपुर से 119 किलोमीटर दूर) हुई थी और जिसमें अपर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के पिछले पांच डिब्बे पटरी से उतर गये थे।

(ख) इस दुर्घटना में न कोई मरा और न गम्भीर रूप से घायल हुआ लेकिन 11 व्यक्तियों को मामूली चोटें पहुंचीं।

रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 36,085 रुपये की क्षति पहुंचने का अनुमान है।

(ग) जी हां

†[] English translation.