

and therefore it meant that the Delhi Milk Scheme, which did not enjoy any special advantage over the other purchasers of milk, provided an assured and more profitable market to the rural areas and thus actually helped the rural producers of milk instead of harming them and the remedy would lie in expanding productivity of milk by better feeding methods and expanding the number of good milch animals there, to meet the requirements of the ghee merchants as well. The deputationists also mentioned that they were representing to the Minister (Agriculture), U.P., who was visiting them shortly regarding loans for more milk animals. Rural dairy Extension Programmes, etc. It has been proposed that to the extent possible Delhi Milk Scheme might not too rapidly expand their drawal of milk from these areas, till the situation improved.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS IN 1962

90. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many railway accidents took place on all railways in India during 1962;
- (b) how many of them occurred on the Central Railway; and
- (c) on which railway the number of accidents was the highest?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) 1,876 on the Indian Government Railways in the categories of Collisions, Derailments, Level Crossing Accidents and Fire to Trains.

(b) 264.

(c) On Southern Railway.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

91. SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway accidents have taken place all over India since 25th January, 1963; and

(b) the details of the casualties and the causes of these accidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER in THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) During the period from 25th January, 1963 to 15th February, 1963, 96 accidents took place on Indian Government Railways in the categories of Collisions, Derailments, Level Crossing Accidents and Fires in Trains. The details of casualties involved on these accidents and causes thereof are as under:—

(i) Casualties—

Killed (Railway staff)	.. 2
Injured:	
Railway staff	.. 6
Others	.. 4

(ii) Causes (of 35 accidents) —

Failure of Railway staff	.. 17
Failure of other than Railway staff	.. 4
Failure of equipment	.. 9
Sabotage or tampering with track.	.. 1
Accidental (in which no one is held responsible).	.. 4

The remaining 61 cases are under investigation.

ISSUE OF LONG GRAIN AMERICAN RICE FROM STORAGE DEPOTS IN BOMBAY

92. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have issued instructions not to issue for sale long grain American rice from storage depots in Bombay region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): No, Sir. Only releases from some stocks which