

by the Ministry in order to remedy the situation which results in many accidents?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: My colleague has already said that with regard to those level-crossings which remain unmanned and where the volume of traffic on the road or on the railway track justifies that a manned gate should be provided, the State Governments are being addressed and attempts will be made in a phased manner to have such level crossings manned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we have elicited all the necessary information.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: I am afraid the Deputy Minister . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, Order.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Sir, the hon. Minister has just said that the State Governments have been communicated with in this respect. May I know when the communication has been sent to the State Governments and whether any State Government has replied to that communication?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I said -we were going to address; we have not yet addressed.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the Government is in a position to give the exact number of unmanned level-crossings in urban areas and in rural areas?

MR. CHAIRMAN: This question was put by Mr. Mani and a reply has already been given.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: If a separate question is put, I shall furnish the exact figures.

#### VACANCIES IN DIVISIONAL OFFICES ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

♦527. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies existing in the Personnel Branches of the

various divisions on the Southern Railway;

(b) since how long they have remained unfilled; and

(c) whether Railway Board have received any representations from the Divisional Superintendents for augmenting the strength of ministerial staff in the Divisional Offices on the Southern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) 21 vacancies of clerks.

(b) 1 from 15-2-58.

6 from dates after 26-3-62, and 14 from 1-7-62.

(c) No.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: While fixing the number of clerks for the Personnel Branches may I know whether any yardstick is prescribed in relation to the number of staff working in each Division?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Yes, Sir. There is a very definite yardstick fixed.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: What is that yardstick?

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: How many inches make that yard?

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: What about the metric system?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: A certain number of staff to be dealt with per clerk is given. For the exact number I shall require notice.

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के चिड़ियाघर के लिये चीतों तथा सारसों के