

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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\*५२८. श्री नवार्बसिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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