

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(1) The loss suffered by the railways as a result of the recent strike is roughly estimated at about Rs. 3.7 crores. This covers reduction in traffic receipts, temporary set back in production, loss due to sabotage and expenditure on emergency arrangements.

(2) Rails were found removed at one place, on a bridge near Radhanagar on the South Eastern Railway and the two rails had been thrown at this place down the embankment. In addition, according to data available so far at ten places indicated below, attempts were made to tamper with the line by removing fishplates, fishbolts etc.

Place	Railway
Bhanora	Eastern
On a bridge between Saharsha and Baijnathpur.	North Eastern.
Between Bangalore City and Yeshwantpur (on two occasions)	Southern
At Radhanagar	South Eastern.
Between Anara and Bagalia.	South Eastern.
Between Khargpur and Hijli.	South Eastern.
Between Gautamdhara and Gangaghat.	South Eastern.
Between Tatanagar and Haludpukur.	South Eastern
Between Tamna and Kantadih.	South Eastern.
Between Limkhera and Mangalmauli.	Western.

At 17 other places, materials like keys, iron-pieces, sleepers and stones were found placed on the track.]

†[] English translation.

WATER SUPPLY WORKS UNDER THE NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAMME

*92. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of water supply works that have been completed out of the provision made under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme up to March, 1960;

(b) how many of these schemes are extensions of the existing water works; and

(c) whether there are any municipalities without any piped water supply and if so, how many?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES OF THE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND THE TELEPHONE DEPARTMENTS

*93. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the Posts and Telegraphs and the Telephone Departments who anticipated in the general strike of Central Government employees in July 1960;

(b) what were the demands of the employees; and

(c) the number of new recruits taken to meet the strike; and the expenses incurred on them?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) 84,525.

(b) The main demands related to a higher minimum wage and payment of dearness allowance on the basis of the cost of living.

(c) 23,000 (approx.) about Rs. 5½ lakhs.