

**SUSPENSION OF TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN
FURKATING AND LUMDING**

*71. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the train service between Furkating and Lumding has been suspended with effect from the 1st of June, 1960 due to disruptive activities of the Naga hostiles;

(b) the number of railway officers who have so far been injured or killed due to the firing at running trains by the Naga hostiles;

(c) whether it is a fact that the railway employees gave a representation to the General Manager that they are prepared to work in that Section if they are provided with necessary protection; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) No, Sir. Train services, though considerably dislocated, were operated on a restricted scale as was possible under the circumstances.

(b) Two drivers, two firemen and a guard received bullet injuries, and a fireman was killed as a result of firing by Naga hostiles on two goods trains on May 24 and June 1.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Steps were taken immediately to make the affected area safe by intensifying patrolling, by setting up outposts to protect vulnerable spots, by providing armed personnel on trains and at stations, by clearing jungles on either side of the track for increasing visibility, and by providing steel plates in engines and sand bags in brake vans as safeguard against bullets.

SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: May I know, Sir, how much compensation has been given to the bereaved families and to the injured persons?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, compensation is paid in accordance with the Workmen's Compensation Act. In the case of persons who were injured, the injuries were not, fortunately, of a very serious nature and they were given some *ex-gratia* payments when they were in the hospital. In respect of the person who died, his widow has been granted a sum of Rs. 10,000/- to be paid to her in the form of an annuity.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if Government is thinking of giving some training to railway people and equipping them with some firearm for self-defence?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जब से भारत सरकार ने नागालैंड बनाने की घोषणा की है तब से इस प्रकार की वारदातों में कोई कमी हुई है; और क्या इसके कम होने की सूचना मिली है ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : जून के बाद तो कोई वाकया हुआ ही नहीं है और उसके पहले भी कोई वाकया नहीं हुआ था ।

**FAMILIES AFFECTED AT PANDU, AMINGAON AND GAUHATI DUE TO NEW
ALIGNMENT OF RAILWAY LINE**

*72. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families affected at Pandu, Amingaon and Gauhati by the new alignment of the railway line for Brahmaputra Bridge Approach;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the people have not got their compensation till now although their lands have already been taken possession of by Government; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the reason for this delay?