

at a satisfactory settlement of this long-standing dispute.

11.55 hrs.

**STATEMENT RE: ACCIDENT TO AGRA-ALLAHABAD PASSENGER TRAIN**

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): I regret to apprise the House of an unfortunate head-on collision which took place at Bidanpur station on the Allahabad-Kanpur section of the Northern Railway between No. 2 AGA Down Agra Cantt.—Allahabad Passenger and Up Ratlam Goods Special train on 20th October 1959.

According to the details, No. 2 AGA Down Agra Cantt.—Allahabad Passenger train was to be received on the main line at Bidanpur, while the loop line was occupied by the Up Ratlam Goods Special train. The Passenger train, however, came on the loop line instead of the main line and collided head-on with the stationary Goods train at about 20.01 hours. As a result, three persons including a railway employee were killed and thirty-one including 19 railway employees injured. Among the injured, six received grievous injuries while the remaining sustained simple injuries. Medical assistance from Railway, Civil, Military and private doctors was immediately rushed to the site of the accident. Twenty-seven of the injured were subsequently admitted in the Northern Railway Hospital and the Motilal Nehru Hospital at Allahabad and treated there, of whom 22 have since been discharged. Of the five persons still in hospitals, the condition of one of them is still serious. The remaining four are progressing satisfactorily.

The damage to the rolling stock and permanent way has been estimated at Rs. 77,000.

The Government Inspector of Railways who investigated the accident has concluded his enquiry. According to his provisional finding, the accident has been due to failure of human element. The staff at fault is being suitably dealt with.

Shri P. E. Patel (Mehsana): There was one accident on the Western Railway ten days ago at Chhapri. How is it that no reference is made in the statement to that?

Mr. Speaker: Only when there is a big accident, it is brought to the notice of the House. It is not as if every small accident is reported to the House.

12.57 hrs.

**STATEMENT RE: INDO-PAKISTAN BORDER CONFERENCE**

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): The House is aware that the Prime Minister of India met the President of Pakistan at Palam air port on September 1, 1959. During their talks it was agreed that a high level conference at Minister level should be held to discuss the disputes and incidents on the Indo-East Pakistan border with a view to eliminating, as far as possible, the causes of these disputes and devising procedures for expeditious demarcation of boundaries and for dealing promptly with any disputes and incidents that may occur.

This Minister-level conference was held from 15th to 22nd October, 1959; discussions were held at Dacca from the 18th to 20th October and at Delhi on other days.

I am taking this early opportunity to place on the Table of the House the following documents, which embody the agreements reached at this Conference:

(1) Copy of the Joint Communiqué issued by the Governments

of India and Pakistan on 24th October, 1959;

(ii) Copy of the agreed decisions and procedures to end disputes and incidents along the Indo-East Pakistan border signed by the Secretaries of the two Governments;

(iii) Copy of the Ground Rules formulated by the Military Subcommittee of the Indian and Pakistan Delegations and other detailed arrangements arrived at to maintain peaceful conditions along the Indo-East Pakistan border areas; and

(iv) Copy of letters exchanged between the Secretaries of the two Governments on the further follow-up of transit and visa facilities and promotion of trade between West Bengal and East Pakistan.

The principal features of these agreements are:

(i) Pakistani authorities withdraw from the portion of Tukurgram taken over by them last year.

(ii) Government of Pakistan drop their claim to the villages in the Kushiya river region.

(iii) Government of India agree to adopt a rational boundary in the Patharia Forest Reserve region so that the current difficulties of the residents of East Pakistan regarding supply of bamboo, and small timber are remedied and there is no dislocation in the life of the border population. This rationalization of the boundary will give to East Pakistan about twelve square miles of the Patharia Forest Reserve proper and about five square miles to its north.

(iv) Detailed agreed procedures for expediting demarcation work, for orderly exchange of territorial jurisdiction following completion

of demarcation and for maintenance of peace in the border areas so that there is no dislocation in the life of the population of these border areas.

(v) Re-affirmation by both Governments of their determination to implement the Nehru-Noon Agreement in full and to devise legal and other procedures necessary for expeditious implementation. Necessary preparatory studies for implementation of the various items of the Nehru-Noon Agreement will be undertaken by both Governments, though field operations, in connection with the implementation of that Agreement, will have to await the advice of the Supreme Court on the reference made to them and the enactment of necessary legislation in accordance with the advice of the Supreme Court.

The distinguishing feature of this conference has been the spirit of mutual accommodation in which agreements have been reached by negotiation. This, to my mind, is the best guarantee of effective implementation of these agreements by both sides.

The implementation of the agreements has already begun. The Pakistan authorities are withdrawing this morning from the part of Tukurgram occupied by them.

Shri Panigrahi (Puri): As a result of these adjustments, what is the total mileage of area which has been given to Pakistan and what is the total mileage of area we have got?

Mr. Speaker: Is it possible to say what exactly is the area we have gained and what we have lost?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have already indicated it.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): There are no absolute figures about it. It cannot easily be measur-

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ed. But what is very important is the removal of a dispute over a large area, which was a matter of frequent dispute. That is a great advantage. They only main area mentioned in this, apart from Tukergam, is the Patharia Forest, which is a forest, as its name implies. A greater part of the forest area has gone to Pakistan but one part has been kept with India.

12 am.

Shri Panigrahi: May I ask whether the dispute is completely settled or there are other disputes also?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I think it might be said that the disputes on the eastern border have been settled—the whole matter in connection with Trigura.

Shri Achar (Mangalore): Is it only a part of Tukergam or the whole of it which has been vacated?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Only a small part was in their possession—about 200 acres. The rest was always in our possession. They are vacating that area.

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): How many square miles is the area which is now going to be passed on to Pakistan according to this agreement?

Mr. Speaker: That has been asked.

Shri Tangamani (Madurai): May I know whether the boundary has been demarcated? On a previous occasion, we were told that in this area the boundary was yet to be demarcated and some miles were also given.

Mr. Speaker: He asks whether in pursuance of this agreement the boundary is being demarcated.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes, Sir. It is going to be demarcated.

12.55 am.

### COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL

#### EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Shri A. C. Gaha (Barasat): Sir, I beg to move that the time appointed for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 1956, be extended upto the last day of the first week of the next session.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That the time appointed for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 1956, be extended upto the last day of the first week of the next session."

The motion was adopted.

### INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL\*

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code".

The motion was adopted.

Shri G. B. Pant: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

### CONSTITUTION (EIGHTH AMENDMENT) BILL\*

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

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