

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF

RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में  
उप मंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI  
QURE-SHI : (a) No.

(b) Does no arise.

PASSENGERS KILLED WHILE TRAVELLING  
ON ROOF-TOPS OF ASSAM MAIL

450. SHRIGOLAPBARBORA : Will  
the Minister of RAILWAYS, be pleased

रेलमंत्री  
to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of  
passengers travelling on the roof-tops of  
passenger coaches in the Assam Mail  
running from Barauni to Dibrugarh on the  
6th October, 1971 were mowed down by the  
overhead panel of a bridge somewhere  
between Siliguri and Alipurduar railway  
stations;

(b) if so, what was the number of  
persons who died and who received  
grievous injuries as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by  
Government to stop such travelling?

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, रेल मंत्रालय  
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SHAFI QIJRE-SHI) : (a) and (b)  
Five persons travelling on the roof of train  
No. 3 UP Assam Mail on 7-10-1971 were  
involved in the accident. Of these three  
persons were killed and two sustained  
grievous injuries.

(c) With a view to educating the travel-  
ling public about the hazards involved in  
travelling on the foot-boards and roofs of  
coaches, regular announcements are made  
through public address system provided at  
important and specified stations, exhorting  
the people to desist from travelling in this  
unauthorised and dangerous manner.  
Persons found travelling on the roofs of  
coaches are de-roofed by the Railway staff  
and Government Railway Police. Raids are  
also conducted against foot-board and roof  
travelling.

COMMITTEE ON SICK TEXTILE MILLS

451. SHRI K. L.N. PRASAD :  
SHRI DEV DATT PURI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/

विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have set up a six-member Committee on sick  
textile mills; and

(b) if so, the details of its composition  
and the terms of reference and by when the  
Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/

विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI  
A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir. However, a  
six-member High Powered Committee has  
been set up to review the working of cotton  
textile mills under the Authorised Controllers  
as well as the organisational set up and  
working of the National Textile Corporation  
and the Authorised Controllers.

(b) The composition and terms of refer-  
ence of the High Powered Committee are  
given in the statement attached. The  
Committee has been requested to submit its  
report by the end of December, 1971.

#### STATEMENT

*Composition of the High Powered Committee:*

1. Shri K. Sreenivasan—Chairman,  
Director,  
South India Textile Research Associa-  
tion, Coimbatore—Chairman *Members*
2. Shri Vinay Bharat Ram, Delhi Cloth &  
General Mills Co. Ltd., Delhi.
3. Dr. V. L. Mote, Professor, Indian  
Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
4. Shri K. K. Dhar, Chairman-Cum-  
Managing Director, National Textile  
Corporation, New Delhi.
5. Shri K. Kishore, Textile Commis-  
sioner, Bombay.
6. Shri M. Padmanabhan, *Member-  
Secretary*  
Deputy Director,  
Office of the Textile Commissioner,  
Bombay.

*Terms of reference of the High Powered  
Committee*

1. To look into the management of the  
units taken over by the Government and to

recommend whether any change is called for in the present mode of management having regard to the fact that the Central Government through the National Textile Corporation is a contributor of funds to the extent of 51%.

2. To look into the adequacy of the organisational set up of the "Authorised Controllers" to run the mill management on sound lines and to recommend as to what should be the relationship and arrangements for co-ordination in the overseeing of the working of the mills between the National Textile Corporation and the Authorised Controllers.

3. To examine the organisational set up of the National Textile Corporation in the light of the responsibilities likely to devolve on it in the near future and to recommend an organisational set up having regard particularly to its growing responsibilities in the technical, marketing, financial and managerial fields.

4. To look into the manpower requirements in the Government managed mill sector and the National Textile Corporation and to recommend, having regard to availability of the personnel, as to how to build up trained manpower in the technical, financial and marketing areas by way of recruiting personnel at an early stage and putting them through the paces of training.

5. To lay down guide lines regarding renovation and modernisation programmes particularly with a view to promote exports and production of cloth of common usage at competitive prices.

6. To lay down guide lines for the production programmes to be undertaken in the Government managed mills in the context of changing market demand and maximising realisations and, on the other hand reducing costs of production.

7. To study of procedure-regarding sanction of funds which the National Textile Corporation gives to the Government managed mills by way of working capital

and its share of modernisation expenditure, etc.. and to recommend as to what methodology would be most suitable having regard to the responsibilities which this organisation is saddled with; promptness being of essence.

8. To study the policies that are being followed with regard to procurement of cotton and to recommend the lines on which cotton purchase should be organised.

9. To study the labour policies being followed in the Government managed mills and to lay down guide lines with regard to the broad overall policies to be followed in the Government managed mills.

10. To examine in the light of the experience available about the adequacy of the present laws with regard to the prompt take over of the management and thereafter tackling the long-term future of the units taken over.

#### ADVERSE EFFECT ON INDIA'S EXPORT TRADE DUE TO DOLLAR DEVALUATION

452. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्रा be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U. S. measure to devalue the dollar has adversely affected India's export trade;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) (a) to (c) U. S. A. has not devalued its currency. She has however taken certain measures to protect its balance of payments, one of which is the imposition of 10% additional import duty on all Juteable items except those subject to import quotas. Presumably the hon. Member has this measure in view. If so, his attention is invited to the answer given in this House to Starred Question No. 4 on 15.11.71. (See below).