

and (b) Yes, Sir. Thorium bearing residues of monazite sand are currently treated by a precipitation and crystallisation process for the separation of thorium in a pure form, and uranium which is left as a residue is further purified for production of nuclear grade material. The Department of Atomic Energy is working on a solvent extraction process which will separate the uranium from thorium directly in a pure form. The separation of U233 from irradiated thorium utilises the solvent extraction technique.

#### EXPORT OF RAILWAY WAGONS

1488. SHRI A. B. KULKARNI:  
SHRI B. L. PATTANAYAK:  
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD:  
SHRI SH. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway wagons India exported to various countries during the year 1969-70; and

(b) if the number of wagons exported during the said period were less than those exported during the year 1968-69, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). Number of railway wagons and coaches exported during 1968-69 and 1969-70 are as under:

	1968-69	1969-70
Railways wagons	1407	42
Railways Coaches	32	116

During 1969-70 delivery schedule of nearly 300 wagons had to be extended due to non-availability of matching steel as also due to labour unrest in the manufacturing centres and ports. Further, since exports of wagons/coaches

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are against global tenders with specified delivery schedules, uniformity in export performance is maintained.

10VIAX Export orders for supply of wagons secured during 1969-70 numbered 1612 with delivery period spread over 1970-71 and 71-72. As to date the total number of wagons for which orders are in hand number more than 5,750 which are to be supplied during the next two to three years.

#### ACTIVITIES OF NAGA REBELS

1562. SHRI INDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of CRP personnel were ambushed and killed by Nagas trained in China during the last two months;

(b) whether the activities of the rebel Nagas have increased recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take stronger action against the rebels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE CABINET SECRETARIAT (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) No CRP personnel have been killed in ambushes by Naga hostiles during the last two months.

(b) There has been some increase in the activities of the underground Nagas in some parts of Manipur.

(c) Intensive patrolling and continuous vigilance are being maintained by the security forces against the activities of hostile elements.

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