

(a) whether the long term contract with the suppliers by the Hindustan Steel Limited Rourkela for the supply of iron and manganese ores will be over in the month of July, 1969;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken regarding future supply ;

(c) who is at present supplying the material of the contract if the contract period is over by this date ; and

(d) how the material supplier has been selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Arrangements have been made with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India for future supplies of Iron Ore and Manganese Ores.

(c) Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation have taken over the supplies of Iron Ore and Manganese Ores.

(d) Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking, has been entrusted with the supplies of these raw materials.

INDUSTRIAL HOUSES WITH ASSETS OF RS. 10 CRORES

62. SHRI Lt. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Industrial Houses that are having assets exceeding Rs. 10 crores ; and

(b) what were their assets in the years 1950 and 1961 :

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) The names of the Industrial Houses having assets exceeding Rs. 10 crores are given in the Report of the Monopolies Inquiry Commission at pp. 119—121.

(b) The information is not available.

6 DN. ALLAHABAD-GORAKHPUR EXPRESS TRAIN ACCIDENT

63. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : SHRI M. M. DHARIA : SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA
MENON: SHRI GODEY MURAHARI : SHRI RAM SAHAI : PANDIT BHAWANI PRASAD TIWARY : SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE : SHRI SWAI SINGH SISODIA :
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR :
SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA :
SHRI J. P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the 6-Dn. Allahabad-Gorakhpur Express was derailed on the 21st June, 1969 between Jakhania and Dulapur stations in the Allahabad-Gorakhpur section of the North Eastern Railway resulting in the death of a number of persons;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed as a result of the accident;

(c) whether the cause of the accident has been investigated;

(d) if so, the results thereof;

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ;

(f) whether any report has since been received from the Central Intelligence Department ruling out sabotage as the cause of the accident;

(g) if so, the reasons that prompted him to make a statement soon after the accident that it was due to sabotage;

(h) the names of the persons who have been arrested or held responsible for the accident;

(i) whether Government propose to compensate the families of the persons killed in the accident; if so, the amounts thereof ; and

(j) the number of casualties from whose person some amount of money was collected by the police and whether these amounts of money have been handed over to the members of their families?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) In this accident 72 persons were killed.

(c) and (d) The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Calcutta has held his statutory inquiry into this accident. According to his provisional finding, the accident was due to sabotage of track committed by unknown persons.

(e) Action as necessary will be taken on receipt of the Inquiry Report.

(f) No.

(g) In view of the answer to parts (c), (d) & (f) above, does not arise.

(h) There is no information of any arrest having so far been made in connection with this accident.

(i) The amounts of compensation to be paid will be decided by the Claims Commissioner.

(j) No information has been received from the police in this regard so far.

RAIL TRAFFIC ON KAZIPET-VIJAYAWADA AND VIJAYAWADA-MADRAS ROUTES

64. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether normal train services have been resumed on the Kazipet-Vijayawada and Vijayawada-Madras routes; and

(b) the extent of damage caused to the Railways as a result of the recent cyclones and political uprisings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) The estimated damage to the South Central and Southern Railways on account of recent cyclones has been about Rs. 382 lakhs and the damage on account of political upheavals about Rs. 2.33 lakhs.

ATTACHMENT OF BOGIES TO WRONG TRAINS

65. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some bogies meant for Siliguri were wrongly attached to a train bound for Katihar in the month of June, 1969;

(b) if so, the circumstances under such mistake occurred;

(c) whether responsibility for the mistake has been fixed; and

(d) what steps are being taken to check such growing inefficiency in the railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b) One Third Class Coach scheduled to run between Khejuriaghat and New Bongaigaon by 5 Up Express was wrongly detached at Kumedpur along-with 4 sectional coaches for Katihar which were correctly detached at Kumedpur) and despatched incorrectly to Katihar by 61 Up Passenger on 15-6-69.

(c) Yes.

(d) Disciplinary action has been taken against the staff responsible in this case. Lapses on the part of the staff are duly taken up for appropriate action.

SHORTAGE OF PIG IRON

66. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of pig iron in the country;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the supply of foundry pig iron of grade one and two, billets etc. and

(c) whether Government have assessed the impact of the shortage of pig iron on the working of the engineering firms and the unemployment caused due to the closure of the manufacturing concerns in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K.C. PANT):

(a) The present assessment is that production of pig iron is generally adequate to meet the estimated requirements, although there have been some occasional shortages in supplies of certain grades.

(b) Hindustan Steel Limited has been advised to increase production of pig iron of grades in short supply. The Joint Plant Committee has also evolved an equitable system of distribution of pig iron so that all users get adequate quantities. Exports of basic grade pig iron have also been restricted.