

निष्कर्ष के अनुसार यह रेल दुर्घटना कर्मचारियों की गलती के कारण ई थी।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Presumably the reference is to the collision between Passenger train No. 2AGA and Electric Goods train No. 460 Down at Bharwari station of the Northern Railway on 30-3-1968. In the accident 19 persons were killed and 30 sustained injuries.

(b) and (c) According to the provisional finding of the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, who held a statutory inquiry into this accident, the accident was due to the failure of railway staff.]

DIFFICULTIES FACED BY JEWELLERY MANUFACTURERS

*167. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:
SARDAR RAM SINCH;
SHRI M. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small manufacturers of jewellery in Rajasthan face closure of business as a result of new import policy announced by the Government; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government to relieve their hardship?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The import policy in regard to gems & jewellery is related directly to exports. There is nothing in the policy to cause distress to porters. As a matter of fact, two new lines of export, i.e., gold jewellery and sales to foreign tourists, have been included in the policy. As such, manufacturer exporters of jewellery should receive an impetus rather than otherwise.

(b) Government has received representations mainly to the effect that

the actual user condition will adversely affect the development of exports. This matter is under the consideration of Government.

RUSSIAN COLLABORATION FOR SHOES AND GARMENTS MANUFACTURE

*168. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any collaboration in manufacture of shoes and garments with U.S.S.R. is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Schemes of collaboration with U.S.S.R. in manufacture of shoes and leather garments are under Government's consideration.

(b) Amongst the reasons for seeking collaboration with U.S.S.R., it may be stated that our experience of trading with that country indicates that U.S.S.R. has developed techniques and expertise in this respect which can be effectively utilised in India. Besides, the units will be set up on the basis of utilizing a substantial part of the production for exports to U.S.S.R.

CLOSURE OF UNREMUNERATIVE SECTIONS

*169. SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently received a Memorandum from the West Bengal Passengers Association on the proposed closure of unremunerative Railway Sections in different places; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes, Sir.