

(c) what action has been taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes, for 36 hours.

(b) On 6th April 1967, 2 trains were held up at Hooghly Ghat on Naihati-Bandel Section from 08-50 hours and 09-57 hrs. respectively, by about 200 passengers. The demonstrators squatted on the railway track. The police made efforts to pacify the demonstrators, but all in vain. A local M.L.A. and the District Magistrate talked to the quaters at length and they thereafter dispersed and allowed he trains to move.

(c) A case has been registered by Government Railway Police, Bandel under Sections 143/341 IPC and 121 of Indian Railways Act. The case is still under police investigation.

Maintenance of law and order in railway premises as also safety and security of railway property and life and property of passengers and railway employees is the responsibility of the State Government and the State Government Railway Police and close co-operation as required is maintained with them at various levels.

EXPORT OF SCRAP IRON

148. SHRI MAHAMMAD HANEEF: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of scrap iron exported during the period from January to December, 1966;

(b) the names of the exporters, the countries to which exported and the quantities exported to each country; and

(c) what was the internal consumption of scrap iron for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Total quantity of scrap exported during

January to December, 1966 amounts to 5,49,445 metric tonnes.

(b) Export of iron and steel scrap is canalise through the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd., Calcutta; the main countries to which exports of scrap was made during 1966 together with quantities indicated against each is as indicated below:—

| Country to which exported | Qty. in metric tonnes |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Japan | 5,25,435 |
| Netherlands | 124 |
| U.K. | 242 |
| Belgium | 50 |
| Nigeria | 60 |
| U.S.A. | 269 |
| Nepal | 282 |
| Jordan | 316 |

(c) No statistical information is being maintained on this.

Ferrous scrap is by and large consumed in the manufacture of steel castings, spun pipes and scrap based steel ingots. The demand for these products was subject to wide fluctuations last year. Actual consumption figure for ferrous scrap is, therefore, not readily available.

LAKSHMI RATTAN COTTON MILLS

149. SARDAR RAM SINGH:
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR:
SHRI P. ABRAHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact hat the State Bank have acquired the stocks of Lkashmi Fattan Cotton Mills for disposal;

(b) whether Government have taken any action on the report of the inquiry/ committee on the working of the Mill; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?