

## THEFT OF ELECTRICAL GOODS

45. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways have lost electrical goods worth over Rs. 13 lakhs through thefts during the year 1965; and

(b) if so, the total value of the goods so far recovered and the steps Government propose to take to prevent such thefts in future?

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

(b) Rs. 2,65,456. The following preventive measures already exist:

(i) Joint checking of electrical fittings by R.P.F. and Electrical staff of railways.

(ii) Escorting of affected trains by Railway Protection Force staff in plain clothes.

(iii) Padlocking of upper class coaches and body-locking of 3rd class coaches while stabled in yards.

(iv) Guarding vulnerable points and black spots by R.P.F.

(v) Deployment of Intelligence and detective staff of the Railway Protection Force for collection of intelligence with a view to unearthing notorious gangs of criminals and receivers of stolen property and to organise surprise raids in conjunction with the police.

(vi) Infliction of deterrent punishments on railway employees found involved.

(vii) Launching prosecution under the Railway Stores (Unlawful Pos-

session) Act, 1955, wherever possible.

## TARIEF CONCESSIONS TO INDIA BY E.E.C.

46. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have requested the European Economic Community to continue the tariff concessions given to it beyond December 31, 1965 till they are consolidated in the Kennedy Round of negotiations; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the European Economic Community to Government's request?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The European Economic Community has extended the period of validity of the suspension/reduction of Customs duties on certain products of interests to India, which expired on the 31st December, 1965, for a further period of one year ending 31st December, 1966.

रेलवे के लिये अपेक्षित फालतू पुर्जों और उपकरणों का बनाया जाना

47. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार के विचाराधीन कोई ऐसी योजना है कि रेलवे के लिए अपेक्षित फालतू पुर्जों और अन्य उपकरणों को बनाया जाये तथा उनको विदेशों से न मंगाया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?