

†[BOMBS FOUND NEAR RAILWAY TRACK

\*525. SHRI MAHABIR DASS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two bombs were found lying beside the Railway track near Thaitle village in Nasik district on the 24th July, 1966, and

(b) if so, whether foreign markings were found on the bombs and what could be the estimated loss of life and property in case the bombs had exploded?

रेल मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) (क) जं हा, मध्य रेलवे के उगांव और लासालगाव रेलवे स्टेशनो के बीच 230/9 किलोमीटर पर पटरी से 25 फुट दूर बम नहीं, बल्कि दो भरे हुए गोले (live shells) पड़े पाये गए।

(ख) मैनिंक और पुलिस प्राधिकारी पूरे मामले की जांच कर रहे हैं। यह प्रश्न कल्पनात्मक है कि जान और माल की अनुमानतः कितनी हानि हुई होती।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) DR RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, two live shells and not bombs were found lying at a distance of 25 ft. away from the Railway track at K. M 230/9 between Ugaon and Lasalgaon Railway Stations on the Central Railway.

(b) The whole matter is under investigation by the Military and Police authorities. The question about estimated loss of life and property is hypothetical.]

VALUE OF ROLLING STOCK LOST DUE TO ACCIDENTS

\*526 SHRI K. SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of rolling stock lost due to the recent accidents; and

(b) what steps are being taken to replace the lost rolling stock over and above the normal expansion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) The cost of damage to

engines and rolling stock on account of collisions, derailments, trains running into road traffic at level crossings and fires in trains which occurred on the Indian Government Railways during April, May and June, 1966 was estimated at approximately Rs 31,11,200/-

(b) Railways concerned include the cases of rolling stock condemned after accidents while framing their requirements in annual Replacement Programmes. These demands are duly taken into account in the Rolling Stock Programmes which cover requirements both on Replacement account and for Additional traffic.

INTERPOLATION OF GUARDS WITH HIGHER GRADE POSTS OF S Ms AND A S Ms

\*527 SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 157 in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 1966 and state the action taken by Government the on representation received from S Ms and A S Ms against the interpolation of Guards with higher grade posts of S Ms and A S Ms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR RAM SUBHAG SINGH): The question of laying down unified channel of promotion for transportation staff on all Railways is under consideration.

STEEL PLANT IN GOA

\*528 SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish a steel plant in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH) (a) and (b) Government requested the British American Steelworks for India Consortium to assess certain sites, of which Goa was one, and to recommend two sites suitable for the location of the next two Steel Plants in the Public Sector. The recommendations of the Consortium are being considered.

DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN KANDLA AND PALANPUR

624 KUMARI SHANTA VASISHT. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: