

(a) whether it is a fact that Station Master and other staff of Andul Station were attacked by passengers of a local train on the 6th July, 1966;

(b) whether the Bombay-Howrah Mail was stopped by the passengers; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps are being taken to give due protection to Railway staff against such hooliganism?

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

(c) The maintenance of Law and Order, the prevention and detection of crime and prosecution of offenders in respect of crimes in passenger trains and within Railway premises, is the responsibility of the State Police. Close cooperation is however, maintained with the State Government Railway Police at all levels for the control of crime and their attention is promptly drawn to any serious crime that occurs as also to any increase in criminal activities in any particular area or train for taking remedial measures. The matter of affording full protection to Railway property, Railway staff etc. by the State Government was recently brought before the Chief Secretaries of States and the State Chief Ministers.

DAMAGE TO COKE OVEN BATTERIES OF DURGAPUR STEEL PROJECT

137. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coke oven batteries of the Durgapur Steel Project were damaged;

(b) if so, how the damage occurred; and

(c) how long would it take to repair the batteries?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) to (c) In February, 1966, after the 'Bengal Bundh Movement', it was noticed that the production in the coke ovens had fallen. After the second 'Bengal Bundh Movement' on the 6th April, 1966, the position deteriorated further. The matter was then gone into by the Plant Management and as a result several remedial measures, both short term

and long term, have been taken in hand. The position is expected to return to normal in the near future.

COST OF EXPANSION OF STEEL PLANT AS A RESULT OF DEVALUATION

118. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(i) whether the cost of expansion in the 3 public sector steel plants will go up as a result of devaluation; and

(b) if so, what is the extra amount of money that will be required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that the cost of current expansions of the Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants would go up by about Rs. 18 crores as a result of devaluation.

IMPORT SUBSTITUTION

139. SHRI K. SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SUPPLY, TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AND MATERIALS PLANNING be pleased to state the names of the manufacturing industries where total import substitution has been successfully achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY, TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AND MATERIALS PLANNING (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH): Import substitution is a continuous process. It covers a wide spectrum of measures such as substitution of imported raw materials and components with indigenously manufactured raw materials and components of same specifications or of comparable specifications; reduction in the consumption of imported raw materials and components per unit of production; change-over of production of chemicals and chemical products from intermediates to their production from basic raw materials; substitution of imported raw materials or components by alternative indigenous substitutes with changes in the specifications of the end product; and the acceleration of phased manufacturing programmes to achieve a greater indigenous content in the shortest possible time.

As these measures are spread over the entire gamut of industry and are of continuing nature, it is difficult to isolate any