

Frontier Railway, on account of explosion on the Railway track;

(b) if so, whether any investigation was ordered and what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what precautionary measures were introduced for future and what relief was given to the dependants of the deceased employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR RAM STJBHAG SINGH): (A)

Yes.

(b) A Senior Scale Officers' Enquiry was held by the Railway Administration and as per their findings the accident was due to explosion of one out of the two bombs (Mortars) planted on the railway track by some miscreants. The police registered a case Under Sections 394(398)302 I.P.C. and their investigation showed that it was not a case of sabotage but an attempt to loot the money carried by the railway staff. Two Railway Protection Force Rakshaks escorting cash took position and opened fire at intermittent intervals for about half an hour towards northern side which is thick jungle as they suspected some criminals there.

(c) Precautionary measures taken by the Railway Administration include track patrolling of the section between Rangiya and Rangapara North from dusk to dawn by Railway Gangmen and introduction of intensive patrolling by Special Emergency Armed Force of the Railway Protection Force.

Arrangements are in the progress for payment of the compensation amount due in favour of the persons involved in this accident. Meantime as an interim relief *ex-gratia* payments have been made to the next-of-kin of the deceased and to injured persons.

#### HANDLOOMS AND POWERLOOMS

21. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of powerlooms that were working year-wise on cotton in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of powerlooms working in the handloom cooperative societies at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be furnished as early as possible.

#### EXPORT OF ONIONS

22. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of onions exported to foreign countries during the last three years;

(b) the names of the foreign countries to which exported; and

(c) the names of the States from which it was exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The quantity and value of onions exported during 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 were:-

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Lakhs of Rs.)
1962-63 . . . . .	106653	264-50
1963-64 . . . . .	102697	290-82
1964-65 . . . . .	100297	300-51

(b) Export of onions from India were mainly to Ceylon, Singapore, Malaysia, Bahrain Islands and Mauritius.

(c) The major onion producing exporting States are Maharashtra, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Mysore.