

**NON-PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS OF
JAWANS**

*236. **SHRI ABDUL GHANI:** Will the Minister of POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some money orders of Jawans (army personnel) were missing from 727 F.P.O. in August 1963, and that they have not so far been paid to the remitters or to the payees; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such money orders and what action has been taken by Government for payment of the amount to the payees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes. A bundle of M.Os. issued from 727 F.P.O. on the 2nd August, 1963, seems to have been lost in transit.

(b) 46 so far known. Issue of duplicate money orders has been ordered in 41 cases and the remaining 5 cases are under enquiry.

PURCHASE OF COAL CARRIER SHIPS

*237. **SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State-owned Shipping Corporation of India has signed a contract for the purchase of three coal carrier ships; and

(b) if so, what amount will be involved in this purchase?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) The State-owned Shipping Corporation of India has signed a contract with a Yugoslav Shipyard for the construction of four coal carriers at a total cost of Rs. 5:144 crores.

ACCIDENT ON GAYA-KIUL SECTION

*238. **SHRI P. ABRAHAM:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an accident at an un-manned railway level crossing on the Gaya-Kiul Section of the Eastern Railway on the 5th January, 1964; and

(b) if so, the number of persons killed in the accident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) No, Sir. There was an accident on 4th January, 1964 at Sheikhpura at a manned level crossing.

(b) Nil.

PROVISION OF CARGO TO EMPTY LORRIES

*239. **SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether the Government of India have received any proposal from the Government of Mysore to provide cargo to the empty lorries returning from Karwar and Belekeri after delivering the iron ore at those ports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Suggestions have been made to the Government of India from time to time by the Government of Mysore and trading interests that the ports of Karwar and Belekeri should be used for the import of foodgrains, fertilizers, etc., so that there could be return traffic for the lorries carrying iron ore to these ports. These suggestions have been brought to the notice of the Ministries concerned so that they may consider whether and to what extent they are practicable. In the past, certain difficulties have