

some of our old traditional markets; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The export of coal has not shown upward trend during the past few months only because the biggest market for Indian coal viz., Pakistan has still not removed trade barriers between India and Pakistan. The other markets viz., Burma, Ceylon are being supplied by us and we hope to increase the exports in due course by several steps which have been recommended in the Report of the Coal Export Committee. This Report had been laid on the Table of the House and Government are implementing most of those recommendations.

Railway Accidents

*374. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Anand:**

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri Hukam Chand

Kachhavalya:

Shri Bade:

Dr. M. M. Das:

Shri Daljit Singh:

Shri R. S. Pandey:

Dr. P. Srinivasan:

Shri P. H. Bheel:

Shri Kapur Singh:

Shri Gulshan:

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:

Shri M. R. Krishna:

Shri Ramapathi Rao:

Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:

Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway accidents during the period from 1st January, 1966 to 31st October, 1966 (month-wise) on each Railway separately;

(b) the loss of life and railway property involved in each accident during the same period separately;

(c) the compensation paid by the Railways separately, so far; and

(d) the results of enquiries held, if any, in each case?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a), (b) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7350/66].

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant

*375. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the measures for expansion of the Steel Plant at Durgapur from 1 million tons to 1.6 million tons; and

(b) whether the modification in the seven furnaces has been completed or not?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Erection of Plant and Equipment has been completed in respect of the Coal Handling Plant, Material handling Plant, Blast Furnace No. 4, Gas Cleaning Plant, Oxygen Plant, Dolomite Burning Plant, Stripper Bay and Skull Yard, Electrical Repairs Shops, Rail Weigh-Bridge and the Pig Casting Machine No. 3. In respect of the remaining 14 Units, the erection of Plant and Equipment is nearing completion.

(b) Modification of 4 Furnaces has been completed. Work on the Fifth Furnace is in progress and modification on the sixth and seventh Furnaces will be taken up and completed soon thereafter.

Import Licences

*376. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the value of import licences issued this year under the liberalised