

**Welfare of Central Government
Employees**3146-D. { Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has asked the Home Ministry to submit a comprehensive social welfare scheme for the benefits of Union Government employees; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme that the Home Ministry is considering?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (d) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the scheme are being worked out and they will be referred to the Planning Commission when they are formulated.

12.08 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MAT-
TER OF URGENT PUBLIC IM-
PORTANCE****EXPLOSION ON RAILWAY TRACK BETWEEN
ARUNACHAL AND SILCHAR IN ASSAM**

श्री हुषम चन्द कछवाय : (देवास) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अखिलभारतीय लोक महत्व
के निम्नलिखित विषय की ओर गृह-कार्य
मंत्री का ध्यान दिनाता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता
हूँ कि वह इस बारे में एक वक्तव्य दें :—

“असम में सिलचर रेलवे स्टेशन के
निकट विस्फोट के समाचार, जिस के
फलस्वरूप रेल की पट्टी उड़ गई,
तथा कुछ व्यक्ति मर गए और
बायल हो गए।”

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi):
According to the information received from the Government of Assam, on 29th April, 1965, at 8.20 P.M. a serious explosion occurred on the railway track between Silchar and Arunachal at a distance of about a mile from the Silchar Railway station. The local people who rushed to the spot on hearing the explosion managed to stop a train which was coming from Dharmanagar to Silchar more than 150 yards from the scene and thereby saved it from accident.

On receipt of information, the Deputy Commissioner of Silchar accompanied by the District Superintendent of Police and police force rushed to the spot, cordoned off the area, and took the necessary precautionary steps for investigation. Armed guard from the local military unit nearby and a Railway Protection Force Unit from the Silchar Railway Station also reached the spot soon after.

From two cavities in the permanent way it would appear that there were two discharges which perhaps exploded simultaneously. The rail above the cavities was ripped off to a length of nearly 8 feet, the ballast under the track and three wooden sleepers scattered and the alignment of the track displaced.

badly mutilated dead body of a man was found at about 100 feet east of the track. Another person with serious injuries and burns was found in an unconscious state at about 15 feet west of the track. He was taken to the hospital immediately where he succumbed to his injuries.

The possibility of this being an attempt at sabotage of the incoming train is not being ruled out. Investigations are in progress. All measures necessary for aiding investigations and preventing the recurrence of incidents of this kind have been taken by Government.