

(ख) ये घटनायें किन स्थानों में तथा किन तारीखों को हुई;

(ग) उनमें कितने व्यक्ति मारे गए तथा कितने मूल्य की सम्पत्ति लूटी गई; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है और उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है।

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) से (घ). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। जिसमें क्षेत्रीय रेलों द्वारा प्रेषित सूचना दी गई है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिए संख्या LT-1928/67]

COMPENSATION PAID BY RAILWAYS

3611. SHRI K. M. Koushik: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation paid by the Railways for damage and pilferage of goods during transport in the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent the damage and pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1929/67].

(b) The following are among the steps being taken to prevent damage to and pilferage of goods:-

- (i) emphasis on proper packing of goods to avoid their getting damaged in transit;
- (ii) proper riveting of wagons and E.P. locking of wagons carrying valuable goods, so as to prevent running train thefts;
- (iii) loading of goods damageable by wet in watertight wagons and speedy repair of wagons that are not water-tight;
- (iv) provision of adequate covered accommodation in goods and parcel sheds, on a programmed basis, to prevent damage by wet during storage;

(v) insistence on provision of dunnage where required, in the case, for instance, of wagonload consignments of sugar, grain and pulses and oilseeds;

(vi) taking of special precautions when damageable goods are transported in open wagons, such as covering them securely with tarpaulins and, where necessary, providing an escort;

(vii) ensuring pedlocking of luggage vans, parcel vans, etc.;

(viii) educating staff and labour in careful handling of goods and organising, now and again, "stop rough handling" and "stop rough shunting" campaigns;

(ix) escorting of important goods train by R.P.F. Armed staff;

(x) utilisation of R.P.F. plain clothes staff for collection of Crime Intelligence with a view to tracking down known criminals;

(xi) patrolling of affected sections by R.P.F. Armed staff;

(xii) collection of intelligence and tracking down of receivers of stolen property and criminals;

(xiii) posting of Railway Protection Force guards in yards, sheds, platforms and at strategic points.

(xiv) providing basic security measures at all transshipment points/parcel offices and goods sheds.

COST OF PRODUCTION

3612. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of production at the Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(b) the average cost of production of steel in the existing private and public sector plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) Rs. 286.50 per tonne of steel ingots at the first stage.

(b) The average for 1966-67 is as follows: