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Title: Regarding disappearance of two Railway wagons carrying ammunitions from Ordnance Factory in Bolangir, Orissa.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to a most important and urgent matter.

25 numbers of BCN wagons containing filled ammunition were booked by Railways from Ordnance Factory, Badmal, Bolangir, Orissa to 19, FAD, NRS, Banar, Jodhpur, Rajasthan vide RR No. E-301492 dated 7.9.2007. Out of these 25 wagons, two loaded wagons SC-36747 and SC-37413 did not reach their destination till date. The filled ammunition were most urgently required by the Indian Army. The loaded materials are very sensitive explosives. This alarming news has created a panic. So far, these have not been located although two and a half months have passed. Neither the concerned officials of the Ministry of Defence nor the Ministry of Railways are taking necessary steps to locate the missing wagons. There are sensitive explosives and ammunition in them which are meant for defence purposes. They have been missing and nobody knows where they are located now. This is how the Government is functioning. They are so callous even in case of defence and Army. Two wagons filled with ammunition and explosives are missing. They are not looking out for them. The Deputy General Manager of the Ordnance Factory has reminded the Railway Board and other concerned authorities once or twice. But they are not taking any steps.

I want to know the real position in this regard. If it goes to the hands of our enemies, it will not be good. Sir, You know how the terrorists are operating in the country. If these explosives reach their hands, what will happen?

I want to know categorically from the Government about the real position of these missing wagons filled with ammunition and sensitive explosives. Where are they now? I want to know whether any information in this regard is available with the Government. I want a statement from the Government on this matter. It is now a sensitive and alarming situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Since it is important, I have allowed you to raise it. Shri Mahtab and Shri Prasanna Acharya may associate with Shri Tripathy.

Shri Sugrib Singh, Shri Mohan Jena and Shrimati Archana Nayak are also allowed to associate themselves with Shri Tripathy on this matter.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, I would like to make a small reference here.

A fax message was sent on the last 17th - and today is 30th - from Jodhpur to Badmal Ordnance Factory that they have received 22 wagons and two wagons are missing. Already two and a half months have lapsed. The onus lies with the Railways. They have to explain where are these two missing wagons. This is transportation of ammunition from an Ordnance Factory to the front. When these ammunition get diverted, who is to give [\[MSOffice14\]](#) explanation?

MR. SPEAKER: You have mentioned it. I expect some response will be there.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI B. MAHTAB : Sir, we expect an answer from the hon. Minister of Railways. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): It is almost three months since the incident happened. The railway line passes through the naxal-affected area. So, I would like to know whether the Government is aware, whether it has gone into the hands of naxals; whether the ammunitions have gone into the hands of terrorists; whether it has gone into the hands of arms smugglers. It is a very sensitive matter relating to the Army. The Government, including the Ministry of Railways, is not concerned about it. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Acharya, you have raised an important issue. Every one of you is a very senior Member. You all know that there is no question of compelling the Minister to respond. The hon. Minister is present here. He has heard it. I expect there will be appropriate response. Thank you very much.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have myself said that I expect adequate response.

...(Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): Sir, I shall bring it to the notice of the hon. Home Minister and the hon. Defence Minister.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Those who wish to associate with this matter, please send in slips.

...(Interruptions)

श्री रामदास आठवले (पंढरपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं किसानों द्वारा की जाने वाली आत्महत्या का मामला उठाना चाहता हूँ। ...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आपके बैठने से बहुत मेहरबानी होगी। आप अपनी सीट पर जाइए और ठीक ढंग से मामला उठाइए। आप बहुत अनुभवी मੈम्बर हैं, if my Hindi is not wrong.

...(Interruptions)

12.15 hrs.