

[Shri Janardhana Poojary]

institutions. This is the break-up and in this area, the role of the financial institution as well as cooperative sector is very clear and hence I hope that Shri C, Madhav Reddi is satisfied with the answer.

I know that the hon. Member sitting behind Shri C. Madhav Reddi will not be satisfied but I can tell the House that he is kind enough to come to my Chamber and he says that "I am satisfied and already satisfied. That is the answer. I am grateful to the hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER : Member's satisfaction and the House's satisfaction are two different things.

(Interruptions)

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : In a lighter vein I stated, with love and affection for the hon. Member, young Member, I have stated, not with any malice.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Poojary, I think you will continue later on. For the time being, you have to finish. I will allow you next time. You can continue it. You can take it up tomorrow.

15.56 hrs-

STATEMENT RE : COLLISION BETWEEN 28 UP GORAKHPUR-HATIA EXPRESS AND A GOODS TRAIN AT GOMOH STATION OF EASTERN RAILWAY.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : I deeply regret to apprise the House of an unfortunate collision between 28 Up Gorakhpur-Hatia Maurya Express and a goods train at Gomoh Junction of Eastern Railway at 5.23 hours today. As a result of this collision as per the information received so far, 9 passengers lost their lives and 19 sustained injuries. 16 of the injured have

been taken to railway hospital at Dhanbad and the three others were permitted to resume their journey after medical attention. *prima facie* the collision is reported to have occurred due to the driver of the goods train having overshoot stop signals. The Driver has been immediately placed under suspension.

2. Medical relief van was immediately made available and the railway doctors at Gomoh rushed to the site and attended to the injured. In addition, a medical team from Dhanbad also rushed to the site by road.

3. Divisional officers from Dhanbad and General Manager, Eastern Railway accompanied by Senior officers and Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle have rushed to the site from Calcutta.

4. Ex-gratia payments to the next of the kin of the dead and those injured are being arranged. Necessary arrangements are being made to clear the stranded passengers of 28 Up Express.

5. This accident will be enquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety- Eastern Circle. On receipt of the enquiry report action would be taken against those held responsible for causing this collision.

We deeply regret the loss of life.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : This is a very unfortunate news that four family members of one of our Members of Lok Sabha Mr. Ram Bahadur died in this very accident, his brother, his wife and two children.

15.58 hrs-

STATEMENT RE : COMMON-WEALTH GAMES

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : The