

(c) whether any action has been taken against the drivers of the steamers at fault ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes, on 21-9-1967 while negotiating to pass by the side of passenger steamer Sarju already anchored in the river, passenger steamer Gomati collided with it at about 03.45 hours between Paleza Ghat and Mahendru Ghat.

(b) As a result, the bow of passenger steamer Sarju as well as the stern of the passenger steamer Gomati got cracked. The planks of the main deck of passenger steamer Gomati were also damaged.

The cost of damage to the steamers was estimated at approximately Rs. 3000/-

(c) Departmental action is in progress against the staff at fault.

STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY GIVEN ON 14.7.67 TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5780 REGARDING IMPORT OF STEEL

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : In my reply to Unstarred Question No. 5780 given in Lok Sabha on 14-7-1967 I had stated as below :—

“(a) The value of imports of steel in 1965-66 amounted to Rs. 89.60 crores approximately”.

On rechecking the data furnished in the monthly bulletin issued by the Iron and Steel Controller for May, 1966, it is noticed that there were some printing errors for which a corrigendum has already been issued. The correct position is as below :—

Import of Iron and Steel in 1965-66 amounted to Rs. 87.79 crores. In addition import of ferro alloys valued at Rs. 0.81 crores, and pipes, tubes and fittings valued at Rs. 10.75 crores was also made. Pipes, Tubes and fittings being finished items are licensable by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports and do not normally figure in Iron and Steel data.

12.07 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED FLIGHT OF WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR OVER PAKISTAN OCCUPIED PARTS OF KASHMIR

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI (Bilhaur) : Sir, I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that she may make a statement thereon :

“The reported flight over Pakistan-occupied parts of Kashmir by Dr. Kiesinger, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany specially in the light of his statement in Delhi that West Germany was neutral in its attitude towards India and Pakistan.”

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir,—

(Interruptions)

श्री राम सेवक यादव (बाराबंकी) : अनुवाद की व्यवस्था है, हिन्दी में बोला करिए ।

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order. The House wants to hear. You are not the only Member who is interested. The whole House is anxious to hear.

श्री राम सेवक यादव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, प्रधान मंत्री की मातृभाषा हिन्दी है और अनुवाद की व्यवस्था यहाँ है . . .

MR. SPEAKER : I would not allow this. English also may be spoken. There are several other hon. Members who would like to hear in English also.

श्री रवि राय (पुरी) : वह बोल रही हैं हिन्दी में . . .

MR. SPEAKER : This won't do. It will have a reaction. The work of the House will have to be carried on. In this way, it cannot be carried on.

SHRI RANGA (Srikakulam) : If this is going to be a foretaste from these gentlemen with regard to Hindi, then this country will again unfortunately come to be split up here and now. (Interruption)