

a Gorakhpur bound passenger train on the N.E. Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some cadets went to the Driver, when the train reached Pappaganj station, and manhandled him; and

(c) whether cases have been registered by the Police against the offenders?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, but the incident occurred on 2-1-66.

(b) Yes.

(c) A case u/s 147/332/353 IPC and 127 IRA has been registered by G.R.P. Gorakhpur which is still under investigation.

Closure of Match Factories

4231. Shri Kolla Venkaiah:

Shri M. N. Swamy:

Shri Laxmi Dass:

Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Shri P. Kunhan:

Shri Kasinatha Dorai:

Shri M. P. Swamy:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the match factories in the various States in the Southern Zone have been affected adversely because of the non-availability of potassium chlorate and red phosphorous;

(b) if so, the number of factories closed down and the number of persons rendered unemployed; and

(c) the assistance rendered by Government to remove those difficulties and to help the unemployed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that match factories in the Southern Zone were affected adversely because of a temporary shortage of potassium chlorate and red phosphorous.

(b) It has been ascertained from the States concerned that about 800 factories were under-worked or closed rendering about 8000 people under-employed or unemployed.

(c) The following steps, among others have been taken to ease of situation:

- (i) A system for distribution of potassium chlorate to all the match factories in South India has been put into operation with the co-operation of the three manufacturers of potassium chlorate by pooling their production and distributing it to the match factories on the basis of their excise returns. A total quantity of 101 tonnes of potassium chlorate was distributed among the match factories during February, 1966. Arrangements were also made for supply of 130 tonnes during March, April and subsequent months, which means supply of a ration at the rate of 5.5 Kg. per 100 gross boxes of matches. Now arrangements have been made to release 8 Kg. per gross boxes from April, 1966.
- (ii) Arrangements to import 300 tonnes of Chlorate of potash from Rupee Area countries by the State Trading Corporation have been made.
- (iii) Import licences for the import of red phosphorous for a total value of Rs. 167,612/- have been issued to the match units in South India.

मोरवी घमरान संकरी (नैरो गेज) रेलवे
साइन

4232 श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री कोला वेंकैया:

श्री म० ना० स्वामी:

श्री लक्ष्मी दास :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने मोरवी घमरान संकरी (नैरो गेज) रेलवे साइन बन्द कर दी है; श्री