

ed and whether he gave any evidence to that effect?

Shri Swaran Singh: No such information is available with us.

Lifting of Ores by Railways from Orissa

*1424. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have been able to keep the target of transportation of mineral ores from Orissa for export from Calcutta Port fixed for the year 1961-62; and

(b) the total demand of the Mining Industry and the quantity of ores lying at present at different railway stations of Orissa awaiting transportation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The target of transportation of mineral ores from Orissa to Calcutta Port for the year 1961-62 could not be adhered to because of lack of sufficient indents in Badampahar and Jajpur Keonjhar Road sectors and because of bunching of indents in the latter half of the year in the Barajamda sector coupled with higher priority being given to movement of ore for Rourkela Steel Plant from this sector.

(b) As on 1-5-1962 the outstanding indents of ore traffic awaiting clearance at Barajamda were 2713 BG wagons and those awaiting clearance at Badampahar were ten BG wagons. There were no outstanding indents at Jajpur Keonjhar Road.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: May I know how long it will take to lift all the accumulated stocks of iron ore?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Normally during the busy season, the stocks go up and during the slack period, when the railways have more wagons to spare we clear up the surplus stocks.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: I want to know actually when it will
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be possible for the railways to clear the stocks. It is a general reply that he has given.

Mr. Speaker: During the next slack season, it will be cleared.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: When is the slack season? Will it be cleared this year?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The slack season starts during the monsoon. So, during the monsoon, we hope to clear the stocks. I might inform the hon. Member that in the Calcutta port itself there are sizeable stocks of iron ore, i.e. 26,550 tons are lying at the port and we are accumulating more and more. But no extraordinary situation has been created.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Out of these pending indents of wagons in Orissa, may I know how many belong to the State Trading Corporation and how many belong to other parties?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I shall require separate notice for that.

Indian Ocean Expedition

*1426. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Posts and Telegraphs Department is participating in the International Indian Ocean expedition from 1962 to 1964;

(b) if so, whether it has joined the expedition;

(c) the budgetary provision for this; and

(d) whether the entire amount for the expedition will be borne by Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.