

worker died and one was seriously injured on the 29th June, 1967 in an accident in Loco Shed, Asansol;

(b) if so, the cause of the accident;

(c) whether the workers have demanded a judicial enquiry into the causes of the accident;

(d) if so, when the enquiry is likely to be undertaken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) While hoisting a locomotive in Maintenance Overhaul Section at the front end, the lifting chains of 45 ton over head crane gave way leading to the accident.

(c) No. However, an Enquiry Committee consisting of three senior scale officers has been set up to enquire into the causes of the accident. The Committee for completing their findings are awaiting for the metallurgical report from Jamalpur.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Defective Crane in Loco Shed, Asansol

**7269. Shri Mohammad Ismail:
Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri K. Ramani:
Shri Umanath:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before the accident on 29th June, 1967 in Loco Shed, the workers complained to the authorities about the defective crane being used in the workshop;

(b) if so, whether the officials compelled the workers to work despite the criticism of the workers;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the officials responsible for the accident and if so, the nature thereof; and

(d) whether full compensation was paid to the victims and if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under investigation and action as may be found necessary will be taken after the investigation is over.

(d) Arrangements are being made to deposit the amount payable as compensation with the Commissioner of Workmen Compensation, West Bengal.

Export of Engineering Goods to West Germany

7270. Shri Nanja Gowder: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and West Germany have worked out a joint project to promote the export of Indian engineering goods; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Details of a project for promotion of exports of Indian Engineering Products to Western Europe, especially to the Federal Republic of Germany, are under discussion between the two Governments.

(b) The main objective of the project is to get a number of Indian Marketing Specialists trained by a Group of German Experts and to supplement such training by "Public Relations" work in Germany with a view to creating a friendly climate for the acceptance of Indian engineering goods in that country. During the recent discussions with the representatives of the German Government, a tentative schedule was also worked out to commence the project in India from October, 1967. These conclusions have yet to be ratified by the two Governments.