

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) The total loss sustained by SCI will be known only after the Surveyor's report is received from Salvage Association who have been appointed as Surveyors on behalf of the ships under-writers (Insurers).

(b) The vessel was insured for Rs. 10.15 crores subject to deductible excess of Rs.6 25 lakhs for each accident. The amount to be received from P & I Clubs will be known only after the claims have been duly processed by the P & I Clubs.

(c) No decision has been taken by the Government.

(d) Rs. 1.15 crores.

Movement of Steel for South

681. SHRI R. ANNANMBI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the engineering industry in South is facing severe crisis due to non-availability of iron and steel following the recent decision of the Railways, limiting movement of steel to one rake per day for entire South;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that one rake a day (i.e., 30 wagons of 22 tonnes each) is totally inadequate compared with the minimum estimated requirement of at least four rakes a day;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to allot adequate number of rakes to move steel to South India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a), (c) and (d) Engineering Industries in the

South have been representing recently for increasing the movement of steel to the South. The movement to the South was badly affected during November and December, 1984 due to breaches caused by cyclone resulting into heavy backlog in movement of steel, foodgrains, coal and other essential commodities.

During January and February, 1985 on an average daily over 1.5 rakes loaded with the steel material have been despatched to destinations in South from Steel plants. During this month efforts are being made to step up steel despatches to South to the extent requires.

(b) The normal composition of rake loaded with steel material is 30/35 bogie wagons with each wagon having a carrying capacity of about 55 tonne.

Progress of the Construction of Second Hooghly Bridge

682. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI :
SHRI NARAYAN CHOU BEY :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that the construction of Second Hooghly Bridge Project in West Bengal is delayed too much resulting in escalation of cost;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) what amount of fund has been released by the Union Government for construction of the bridge to date; and

(d) the progress of the project made to date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :
(a) Yes, Sir. Second Hooghly Bridge falls on a State Road and as such West