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दुर्घटना के समय ये लोग अपने 4 अन्य कीनयाई साथियों के साथ उस गाड़ी में नैरोबी जा रहे थे। कार में सवार सातों व्यक्तियों की दुर्घटना स्थल पर ही मृत्यु हो गयी थी।

- (ख) कीनिया के संस्कृति मंत्री ने नैरोबी स्थित हमारे हाई कमीशन को इस घटना की सूचना दी थीं। मृतकों में दिनकी एक सम्बन्धी भी थी। कीनियाई प्राधिकारियों द्वारा दुर्घटना की जांच की जा रही दै। इमारा हाई कमीशन इस बात की कोशिश कर रहा है कि जांच पूरी होते ही कीनियाई प्राधिकारियों से विस्तृत जांच रिपोर्ट की प्रति प्राप्त कर ली जाए।
- (ग) ग्रौर (घ). स्थानीय प्राधिकारियों द्वारा जांच पूरी कर लिए जाने के बाद हमारा हाई कमीशन मुद्रावजे के प्रश्न पर समुचित कार्रवाई करेगा ।

Recent Strike of Haldia Dock Workers

SHRI CHHANGUR RAM: PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Haldia dock workers recently went on strike and assaulted the senior officers of the administration;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the loss suffered by Government as a result of the strike; and
- govern-(d) the measures taken by ment on the result of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):
(a) and (b). Port Trust workers at Haldia resorted to a sudden strike without notice from 24th October, 1980 to 29th October, 1980 in protest against suspension of six by the Port administration, workers following institution of criminal them by Police on complaints made by the Management to the Police in regard so wrongful detention of officers and unruly demonstration on 4th October 1980. As a result of the strike, cargo handling operations and shipping movements at Haldia were affected. On 28-10-1980, certain officers who were proceeding to their duty spots were stopped and physically assaulted by the striking workers aided by outside elements. In the process, 7 officers sustained injuries, out of which 2 had to be admitted to the hospital with serious injuries.

- (c) It is not possible to assess the loss due to the strike.
- (d) No enquiry has been conducted into the incident by the Central Govern-

Fire in Hawrah godowns

SHRI CHHANGUR RAM: 1505. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to stae:

- (a) whether Government have recently suffered heavy loss because of fire in the godowns at Howrah on the 29th October, 1980;
- (b) if so, the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof; and
- (c) the result of the inquiry, if any, made by Government into the cause of fire and the action taken by Government thereon?

TNE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a)) Yes.

- (b) The estimated loss suffered by the Railways is Rs. 37 lakhs approximately. The exact amount of loss would be ascertained after actual stock verification and salvages operations are completed.
- (c) The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Police and forensic experts. An enquiry Committee of officers of administrative rank has been constituted whose investigation is in progress. completion of the report of the Enquiry Committee, action, if any, will be taken.