

(c) In about 9 to 12 months time.

(d) 77.45 lakhs till the first year of the production.

(e) The registered office is at Rani-khet and the works of the Corporation will be set up at Mohan in Alomra District, Uttar Pradesh.

Prime Minister's visit to Bulgaria

2070. SHRI T. DAMODAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister visited Bulgaria during the 2nd week of November, 1981 and had discussion regarding the rearming of Pakistan by U.S. Government; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Prime Minister visited Bulgaria from November 6th to 9th, 1981. The rearming of Pakistan by the U.S. Government was discussed, *inter alia*, along with other matters relating to important international issues and bilateral relations.

(b) The Bulgarian Government appreciated and supported our view point as is evident from the text of the Indo-Bulgarian Joint Declaration signed on November 8th, 1981 (relevant paragraphs attached).

Statement

EXTRACTS FROM THE INDO-BULGARIAN JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 8, 1981

"The two sides are firmly of the view that all efforts should be made to improve the climate of relations among the countries of South West, South East and South Asia and to foster peace and stability on the basis of principles of peaceful co-existence. They are convinced that all problems, however difficult, must be solved through the process of dialogue and by finding peaceful political solutions based on full respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity

and non-aligned status of countries. They declare that the countries of the area should not be involved in any military alliance, no military basis should be established on their territories and their sovereign right to their natural resources should be respected.

The two sides voice their concern over externally financed militarization that creates new fulcra of aggression. They express their firm opposition to any build-up of tension through the large scale induction of sophisticated weapons in excess of legitimate defence requirements. They call on countries to seek security through dialogue and cooperation rather than in a fresh wave of armaments that would cripple efforts to improve the lives of peoples in these countries."

Looting of Jodhpur Mail

2071. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN;

SHRI ASHFAQ HUSSAIN;

SHRI VIRDHJI CHANDER JAIN;

SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA;

SHRI K. A. RAJAN;

SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'Armed men loot rail passengers' appearing in Patriot of 29th October, 1981 wherein it has been stated that in a daring robbery, four armed men looted a few passengers of their cash and valuables in the first class compartment of Jodhpur Mail, immediately after it left the Delhi Main railway station and escaped after injuring ticket checker on 26th October, 1981; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) On 26-10-81, as train No. 93 Up Delhi-Jodhpur Mail started from Delhi Main Station, 3 unknown persons entered into coach No. FC-322. On being objected to by the Coach Attendant, they asserted that they had their reservation in the same coach. Subsequently, they entered the 'A' cabin of this compartment occupied by a couple and at the point of pistol/knives looted the passengers of their wrist watches and cash amounting to Rs. 250. The miscreants then closed the compartment from outside and entered the 'E' cabin of the coach occupied by 2 lady passengers and 2 male passengers. The miscreants tried to snatch ornaments from one of the ladies which was resisted by her husband, Shri S. N. Singh. Shri Singh was then stabbed on his head by the miscreants. On hearing the hue and cry of these passengers, Shri Vyas, Assistant Cashier, Northern Railway, New Delhi and Shri Bhutani, TTE, who were in the 'B' cabin of the compartment rushed to their rescue. Shri Vyas was stabbed in the head and his wrist watch was snatched. The miscreants fired on Shri Bhutani, TTE and the bullet passed through his stomach. Some stray pellets also hit Shri and Smt. S. N. Singh. The criminals got down near Mul Mithai by pulling alarm chain and escaped under cover of darkness. All the four injured persons were taken to the Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi where Shri Bhutani, TTE succumbed to his injuries. In all three wrist watches and cash amounting to Rs. 400 were reported to have been looted. Government Railway Police, Delhi registered a case No. 523 dated 26-10-81 under Sections 397/302/34 IPC and the investigations are in progress.

Memorandum submitted by Blinds for Employment opportunities to Blinds

2072. **SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION

AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blind men in Delhi have given a memorandum in regard to providing employment opportunities to them;

(b) if so, the main demands made by them in the memorandum;

(c) whether Government are considering their demands; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The National Blind Youth Association of Delhi has submitted a Charter of Demands to the Ministry of Social Welfare. The main demands of the Association are:—

1. Bringing forward a legislation for the welfare of the disabled persons;

2. Reservation of Group A and B posts for the disabled persons; and

3. Declaring the workers of the Sheltered Workshop of the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, as regular Government servants.

(c) and (d). The demands of the Association are under consideration of the Government.

Strategy adopted for Eradicating Hunger from World

2073. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-South Summit meet held at Cancun, Mexico in October this year was successful in coming to an agreed strategy for intensifying efforts to end the problem of hunger from the globe by the end of the century;