

Demand by Railway Employees for increase in Interim Relief

7429. SHRI K. MALLANNA :
 SHRI RAMSHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH :
 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways employees had held a demonstration in New Delhi on the 5th July, 1971 in connection with their demand for the grant of additional Interim Relief ;

(b) if so, whether the demonstrators were addressed by the Railway Minister ;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken up this issue with the Finance Ministry ; and

(d) if so, the amount of the Interim Relief that is proposed to be given to Railway employees ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). A deputation of National Federation of Indian Railwaymen, which held the demonstration, presented to the Prime Minister on the same day, a memorandum demanding grant of interim relief of Rs. 78.75 per employee per month. The memorandum has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for appropriate action.

Death of Guard of a Tank Special between Bipni and Chpramari Stations of Gauhati-Alipurduar Section (Northeast Frontier Railway)

7430. SHRI K. MALLANNA :
 SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
 SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an accident took place between Bipni and Chpramari Stations on

the Gauhati-Alipurduar Metre-Gauge Section of the Northeast Frontier Railway on the 16th July and the Guard of a tank special died on the spot ;

(b) whether any enquiry was held into this incident and if so, the result thereof ; and

(c) whether any sabotage by Pakistani Agents is suspected ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, the accident occurred on 17.7.1971 between Bijni and Chaprakata stations.

(b) According to the finding of the inquiry committee the accident was due to the failure of railway staff.

(c) No.

Goods Stolen from Chitapur Yard Calcutta

7431. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether goods worth Rs. 12 lakhs were stolen from Chitapur Yard, Calcutta within the last six months ;

(b) whether Railway Protection Force or Food Corporation of India have filed any case on this ; and

(c) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Frazerganj area, Calcutta threatened with Sea Erosion

7432. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Frazerganj area in Calcutta is threatened with sea erosion ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to protect the area from sea-erosion ?