

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). As per policy, in the event of death of licence of a catering/vending unit, the licence can be transferred in the name of legal heir, for the unexpired period of contract.

Recovery of Arms Dropped at Purulia

1482. DR. G.R. SARODE :
DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :
SHRI SOHAN BEER :
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the arms dropped at Purulia have been recovered.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the value of the foreign arms in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). A statement indicating the possible quantity of arms, ammunitions etc. dropped, as per Mr. Peter Bleach, the main accused in the Arms Dropping case in Purulia, and the actual recovery made (as on 30.6.1996) is attached.

(c) Mr. Peter Bleach, the main accused in the case, during interrogation, is reported to have stated that the dropped arms consignment was worth US Dollars 1.65.000 which included an US\$ 30.000 towards the cost of aircraft used for air dropping of the arms etc.

STATEMENT

Details of Arms, Ammunitions etc. as on 30.6.96

S No	Items	Possible quantity air-dropped (as per Peter Bleach)	Actual recovery so far as on 30.6.96
1	2	3	4
1.	AL-47/56 (Kalashnikov)	300	246
2.	7.62 Ammunition (50 mm type)	36 400	20 543 rounds
3.	9 mm Pistols	25	11
4.	9 mm Ammunition	3 840	3 885 round
5.	Rocket Launchers	10	10

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6.	Booster for Rocket Launchers	100	69
7.	Telescopic Sight for Rocket Launchers	10	6
8.	Dragunov 7.62 Snipper Rifles	2	2
9.	Hand Grenade	100	65
10.	Anti tank grenade	100	78
11.	DVM Liquid Cans (fuse & igniter system for grenades)	10	9
12.	Parachutes	3	3
13.	Night Vision equipments	2	2
14.	Oil Pots		60
15.	Cleaning Rod		4
16.	Punches (Canvas pouch Small pouch)		162
17.	Revolver Holster		19
18.	Cleaning brush		59
19.	Nylon rope		1
20.	Sling		102
21.	Empty Mazazine		914

[Translation]

Meter Gauge Railway Line from Hasanpur to Sikri

1483. SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the foundation stone for laying Meter Gauge Railway Line from Hasanpur to Sikri in the North-Eastern Railway was laid in the year 1974 by then Minister of Railways after its clearance from the Government

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting the work so far even after the lapse of 22 years.

(c) the time by which the Government propose to commence the said work without any further delay, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Hassanpur-Sakri M.G. new line was included in the budget 1974-75, but owing to low operational priority and constraint of resources, no funds could be provided. It was dropped in 1986. Now again, the project has been included in the budget 96-97.

(c) The work would be started after the budget is passed and necessary clearances have been obtained.

(d) Does not arise.