

6. Arousing consciousness amongst villagers adjacent to railway track against acts of sabotage by Pak Agents; and

7. Rewarding persons responsible for timely detection of sabotage activities.

Movement of Iron Ore from Banspani-Barajamda to Paradip Port

241. SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are committed to move two and half trains per day for export of iron ore from Banspani-Barajamda sector to Paradip port during their busy season and up to four trains per day during their slack season of about six months in a year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of iron ore the Railways are planning to move from Banspani-Barajamda sector towards Paradip during the current year quarter-wise;

(c) the corresponding performance, quarter-wise, during the last three years; and

(d) the quantity of iron ore moved during the current year, quarter-wise so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. The target for movement of export ore from Banspani-Barajamda sector to Paradip in 1971-72 is 1.5 lakh tonnes per month uniformly over the year. This entails a daily loading of 225 four-wheeler wagon equivalent to 2½ trains a day all the year round.

(b) The Railways' programme is to load 4.5 lakh tonnes of iron ore for export from Banspani-Barajamda sector to Paradip each quarter in the current year.

(c) and (d). The quantity of iron ore moved during the current year quarter-wise with corresponding performance during the last three years is as follows :

	(In Lakh Tonnes)			
	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
1st Quarter	3.08	2.05	3.37	2.90
2nd Quarter	3.24	3.05	3.76	3.68
3rd Quarter	2.69	3.37	3.99	
4th Quarter	2.54	4.33	2.19	
	11.55	12.80	13.31	

Building of Railway Line in Iraq

242. SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has offered to build 404 Km long Railway line for Iraq on a turn-key basis;

(b) whether the details of the deal have been worked out; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

(c). Feasibility-cum-cost study for a new Railway line from Baghdad to Abu Kamel (404.4 Kms.) was carried out by an Indian Team of Railway Experts and the Report submitted to the Iraqi Government. India's further participation in the execution of the Project is under consideration.

Derailement of Trains Due to Explosions

243. SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK : SHRI HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two wagons of a goods train were derailed in an explosion between Karim-

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ganj and Neelam Bazar on the Karimganj-Dharamnagar Section of the North East Frontier Railway on the 21st October, 1971;

(b) whether four wagons of a goods train were also blown up on the 18th October, 1971 near Chaigola on the Karimganj-Badarpur section;

(c) whether it is believed to be the work of Pakistani saboteurs; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been held in the matter and if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, but on 17-10-71;

(c) It is suspected to be the work of Pak. Saboteurs; and

(d) The cases are under investigation. No arrests have been made in incident of 21-10-71. Five persons have been arrested in connection with incident of 17-10-71.

**Metropolitan Transport Project for
Calcutta Underground Railway**

244. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU :
SHRI BISHWANATH JHUN-
JHUNWALA :
SHRI DINESH JOARDER :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether, according to the Railway Board's Metropolitan Transport Project, there is no alternative to an underground railway system, if Calcutta has to move;

(b) the main findings of the seven volume report of the Railway Board submitted to Government; and

(c) when a final decision is expected to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Under-ground Railway is the most effective alternative.

(b) The Report is still under consideration of the Railway Board.

(c) After the Project Report is considered by the Government.

**Bid to Eliminate Russian Consultancy
on Calcutta Railway**

245. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a C. B. I. enquiry has been instituted regarding top level disclosure of details about a bid to eliminate Russian consultancy on the Metropolitan Transport Project in Calcutta and call in Japanese Experts for the same; and

(b) if so, the main particulars thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**Irregularities in Auction of
Scrap Rails**

246. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some serious irregularities were found regarding the auction of scrap rails involving Rupees 25 crores;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof; and

(c) the persons responsible for the irregularities and the steps taken in the matter ?

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

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