

(c) whether there are any inspection staff taken from DGS&D for this job;

(d) if so, the number thereof; and

(e) the reasons for taking ever this responsibility from DGS&D?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes. From 1-3-1965.

(b) Inspection was under the control of Director General, Supplies & Disposals, Inspection Wing.

(c) Yes.

(d) 34 as on 1-6-1967.

(e) To obtain close liaison between the design and maintenance wings of the Railways and the producers by the use of Inspectors with Railway experience which would result in improvement in design and specification, economy and safety of wagons procured for the Railways.

Inspection Job at Procurement point of Railways Wagons

**2115. Shri B. K. Modak:
Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri Bhagaban Das:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since the inspection job at the procurement point of railway wagons has been taken over from DGS&D by railways themselves, release of wagons is considerably delayed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways are still using the services of old DGS&D staff since they have no experienced hands of their own for this job;

(c) the specific reason for this taking over; and

(d) whether Railways are considering to absorb the experienced DGS&D staff?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No.

(b) The Director General, Supplies & Disposals' staff are being used for inspection duty only to avoid hardship to such staff and not for want of experienced hands on the Railways.

(c) To obtain close liaison between the design and maintenance wings of the Railways and the producers by the use of Inspectors with Railway experience which would result in improvement in design and specification, economy and safety of wagons procured for the Railways.

(d) This is under consideration.

Exports of Iron Ore to West Germany

2116. Shri S. C. Jha: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Germany Government are ready to import iron ore and other industrial goods from India; and

(b) if so, what has been the response from India?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) West Germany has been importing Iron Ore and other industrial raw materials and manufactures from India.

(b) India has been supplying these items in increasing quantities to West Germany, our exports being \$23.75 million in 1964-65, \$25.78 million 1965-66 and \$19.88 for the first nine months of the year 1966-67. Iron Ore exports for these years were respectively \$3.92 million 4.12 million and 3.21 million.

Corrugated Iron Sheets

2117. Shri Rane: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the production of corrugated iron sheets in India during 1964-65,