

(c) No workers have been re-employed or retrenched.

(d) No, Sir.

Derailling near Pahara Station

4264. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons were injured when a bogie of the Howrah-Delhi Express derailed on the 10th June, 1967 near Pahara Railway Station between Chunar and Mirzapur on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the total number of the injured persons;

(c) the causes of the accident; and

(d) the total loss of the railway property?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). On 10-6-1967, when train No. 11 Up Howrah-Delhi Express was stopped between Up Starter and Up Advanced Starter signals of Pahara Station, it was found that the buffers of three coaches marshalled 7th to 9th from the train engine had got interlocked with each other. No coach was found derailed when the train came to stop. In this accident 8 persons sustained minor injuries.

(c) The cause of the accident is under investigation.

(d) The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 5,575.

Availability of Railway Wagons in Goa

4265. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are not in a position of putting at the disposal of mine-owners in Goa sufficient number of wagons for the transport of iron ore and manganese ore from Colem, Calay and

Curchorem stations to Mormogoa Harbour;

(b) if so, the requirements of wagons for the purpose and the extent of shortage; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to minimise the inconvenience to mine owners and to expedite the transport of ore which is a valuable foreign exchange earner?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c). Railways are fully prepared to meet all demands for the transport of iron ore and manganese ore within Goa area. There is no shortage of wagons and all demands placed for this movement within Goa area are being cleared currently.

Theft of Railway Equipment from Train

4266. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal increase in the theft of fittings and equipment from trains;

(b) if so, the loss suffered by the Railways as a whole throughout the country during the year 1966-67 and during the current year so far;

(c) the steps taken to check these thefts; and

(d) the results achieved, if any?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) There has been a slight increase in the total value of property lost on account of thefts of fittings and equipments in the year 1966-67 as compared to 1965-66.

(b) The total loss suffered by the Railways during the year 1966-67 has been estimated at Rs. 20,67,111 and during the current year i.e. from April to end of May 1967 Rs. 2,72,636.

(c) Sustained attention is paid by the Railway Administrations in localising affected sections for tracking down criminals and receivers of stolen railway fittings and equipment. Anti-theft