

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No,
Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TRANSPORTATION OF NEPALESE CARGO

1871. SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of Nepalese officials
recently visited New Delhi to explore
the feasibility of using river navigation
as an alternative route to the present rail-
cum-road route for the transportation of
Nepalese Cargo *via* Calcutta, so as to aug-
ment Nepal's sea-born trade with other
countries; and

(b) if so, the main demands made by
the team and Government's attitude to the
grant of different concessions demanded by
them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
(SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A team of officials
of His Majesty's Government of Nepal
visited India in July, 1967, and had dis-
cussions with the officials of the Govern-
ment of India. It was agreed that further
studies be made and information and data
exchanged through the Indo-Nepal Board
for Irrigation and Power Projects.

DERAILMENT OF GUJARAT EXPRESS
NEAR NADIAD

1872. SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Express derail-
ed on the 12th September, 1967 near Nadiad
on the Baroda-Ahmedabad Section; and

(b) if so, the causes of the derailment and
the number of persons injured or killed as
a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes, the derail-
ment occurred at Gothaj station.

(b) The derailment was due to the point
assembly, signalling and interlocking gear
not having been restored for passage of
trains at normal speed.

In this accident no one was killed; but 23
persons sustained minor injuries.

U.N. EXPERTS TEAM ON INDIA'S
EXPORT

1873. SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :
SHRI JITENDRA BAHADUR :
SHRI MAYAVAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether U. N. experts team which
visited this country early in 1967 has sub-
mitted its recommendations for boosting
India's exports;

(b) if so, their main recommendations;
and

(c) the decisions taken by Government
in pursuance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the
Table of the House. [*Placed in Library.*
See No. LT-1731/67].

ASSANSOL PASSENGER TRAIN

1874. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state :

(a) the number of new trains introduced
after the 1st October, 1967 this year and
what further amenities have been given
to the common passengers after October
1st;

(b) whether the Assansol passenger train
has been converted into an Express train;

(c) if so, whether Government have
received complaints from the people of
Balasore District in Orissa in this connec-
tion; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Go-
vernment in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) A
total of 32 additional trains (including 22
suburban trains under electric traction)
were introduced and the runs of 16 exist-
ing trains extended in the Time Table which
came in to force from 1-10-67. A statement
showing passenger amenities provided is
laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in
library.* See No. LT-1732/67].

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.