

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :** (a) Export price figures form part of international contract documents and it will not be in business interests of MMTC/other exporters to disclose them. Current prices under subsisting contracts expressed in Sterling have been marked up, as a result of negotiations with the buyers, to cover the effect of devaluation of the Pound Sterling.

(b) and (c). The value of exports by MMTC to Japan in December, 1967 is Rs. 396.25 lakhs and in January 1968 is Rs. 356.95 lakhs. The value of exports by Goan shippers is not yet available. There has been no appreciable reduction as far as MMTC's exports are concerned. Shipments have been made according to contractual commitments.

**ENQUIRY INTO MISSING RUSSIAN CABLES FROM SURA KACHAR COLLIERY**

3792. **SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :**  
**SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :**  
**SHRI P. GOPALAN :**  
**SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :**

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 23 on the 13th February, 1968 and state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Police have since completed the investigation about the missing Russian cables;

(b) if so, the details of the findings and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, when the investigation is likely to be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This is for the Madhya Pradesh Police authorities to assess the time which they are likely to take to complete the investigation.

**RAILWAY CROSSINGS IN BIKANER**

3791. **SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway crossings in Bikaner town and how often they are closed to traffic; and

(b) whether Government are aware that this causes great hardship and inconvenience to the general public and if so, the steps taken to ease the situation ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) Three level crossings within the town limits in Bikaner, each of which has to be closed, on safety considerations, for about 40 times in 24 hours.

(b) Yes; necessary proposal to provide two road over-bridges, one on either side of the Railway station, was formulated in 1961, but the schemes could not be progressed further due to opposition from the local people; and the proposals had to be dropped finally at the request of the State Government.

**PASSENGER AMENITIES**

3792. **SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :**  
**SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :**  
**SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :**  
**SHRI NAMBIAR :**  
**SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 74 on the 13th February, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the amenities to the passengers has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the decision taken thereon; and

(d) if not, when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations made by the Committee is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-436/68].

(c) and (d). The recommendations of the Committee are being examined carefully and decisions thereon will be taken as expeditiously as possible.

**KHETRI AND KOLIHAN COPPER MINES**

3793. SHRI SATYA NARAIN

SINGH :

SHRI K. RAMANI :

SHRI B. K. MODAK :

SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khetri and Kolihan Copper Mines do not have adequate space for Dispensary;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the authorities to arrange adequate medical facilities for the workers;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is discontent among the workers regarding the medical treatment available in the Dispensary; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to ensure proper medical attention to the workers;

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA, REDDY) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Following an accident on 31-1-1968, in which a driver was killed, allegations were made by some workers about inadequate medical attention rendered to the deceased driver. This is under enquiry.

(d) Adequate facilities already exist for medical attention to workers.

**INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES**

3794. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :

SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :

SHRI P. GOPALAN :

SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the persons who were selected by the Indian Bureau of Mines in 1966 have not so far been appointed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) and (b). There are 4 persons, who were selected by the Indian Bureau of Mines in 1966 for appointment; but they should not be appointed on account of 3% cut imposed on the existing posts for reasons of economy.

**RUNNING ALLOWANCE FOR RAILWAY GUARDS**

3795. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :

SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :

SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made by the Committee appointed to enquire into increasing Running Allowance for Guards;

(b) when the report is likely to be submitted; and

(c) the reasons for the delay ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) to

(c). The Committee's work is in progress and it is expected to submit its report by the end of May, 1968.

**IMPORT OF MINING MACHINERY**

3796. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the value of mining machinery imported, country-wise, during the last ten years for (i) private sector and (ii) public sector; and

(b) the value of machinery which has been utilised (i) fully, (ii) partially and (iii) which has not been used at all ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**JOBS EXECUTED ON "URGENCY CERTIFICATES" ON RAILWAYS**

3797. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :