

railway equipment (not yet registered);

- (5) a consortium for the export of transmission towers.

In addition, export of bananas to Persian Gulf destinations is effected through the Maharashtra State Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., Bombay, and the Gujarat State Co-operative Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Federation Ltd., Bardoli.

Looting of a Goods Train near Hakimpur

2902. { Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an armed gang made an attempt to loot a goods train near Hakimpur Station near Moradabad on the 14th April, 1965;

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) whether the culprits have been apprehended?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). On the night of 14/15-4-1965, a notorious gang of Running Train Theft criminals stopped M-37 Up work train at the Outer Signal of Hakimpur station at about 22-30 hours by interfering with the signal wires. On the basis of intelligence collected through different sources regarding the theft, a party of 4 armed and 2 unarmed Railway Protection Force Rakshaks headed by one Head Rakshak, who had gone to Hakimpur station by an earlier train, rushed towards the train. They noticed some criminals throwing out packages from one wagon, while others were standing outside. When the

R.P.F. men challenged the criminals, they fled away towards a village known as Gianpur. The R.P.F. men gave a chase. The criminals who were armed opened fire on the R.P.F. On hearing the sound the villagers rushed out to the assistance of the R.P.F. Three of the criminals were caught, while the remaining three managed to escape. Two of them were subsequently arrested by the District Police, Moradabad. The Govt. Railway Police Moradabad have registered a case U/S 379/307 IPC.

Prototype Production -cum- Training Centre

2903. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Germany propose to set up a new Prototype Production and Training Centre in India;

(b) the number of such Centres now functioning in India and their location; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken regarding the location of the new Centre?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):

(a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) There are now three Prototype Production and Training Centres, functioning at Rajkot, Okhla (New Delhi) and Howrah respectively. These Centres have been established in collaboration with the Governments of the U.S.A., West Germany and Japan respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Precision Instruments Plant in Kerala

2904. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 214 on the 20th November, 1964 and state the