

and Y. Yuttin on the possible outcome of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However arrangements have been made to secure a copy of the relevant article.

MOVEMENT OF GOODS ON RAILWAYS

5250. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received of late movement of goods on the Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delays involved in the movement of goods have resulted in the diversion of goods to the road transport; and

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes, some complaints have been received.

(b) The delays that sometimes take place are one of the factors responsible for diversion of traffic to the road.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Railways to ensure that no avoidable detention is allowed to take place at any point in order to arrange expeditious movement of goods offered for despatch by rail. Important steps taken to tackle delays in transit are :—

- (i) Watching the transit time between selected pairs of important stations through periodical statistics.
- (ii) Introduction of quick transit scheme between important stations.
- (iii) Running of Super Express goods trains between important terminals.
- (iv) Augmentation of terminal transshipment and repacking facilities.
- (v) Special cells have been created on the Railways to keep watch

on the transit time of goods traffic.

(vi) Intensification of watch at transshipment points and marshalling yards to prevent undue delays.

JUTE LOST DUE TO FIRE IN JUTE MILL IN BUDGE BUDGE

5251. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 17,000 maunds of raw jute was destroyed due to fire in a jute mill in Budge Budge recently;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into the causes of the fire; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the reported fire which broke out in the jute godown of Caledonian Jute Mill in Budge Budge on March 2, 1968. About 16,000 maunds of raw jute valued at Rs. 7 lakhs are reported to have been involved.

(b) The Central Government has not made any such enquiry.

(c) Does not arise.

NATIONAL COAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

5252. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the targets of production fixed for the years 1965-66 and 1966-67 by National Coal Development Corporation and to what extent these targets were achieved;

(b) if the targets were not achieved, the measures which were adopted to cover up the backlog in production; and

(c) the target for the year 1967-68 and how far it is likely to be achieved and whether this target is enough for meeting the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). For the Third Five Year Plan, the National Coal Development Corporation was originally set a target of producing 30.5 million tonnes of coal. This target was, however, reduced to 22.5 million tonnes after the mid-term appraisal of the Third Plan. But as a result of further slackening in the demand for coal, NCDC had to take immediate steps to restrict its production further consistent with the demand. The Corporation, therefore, produced 9.65 million tonnes of coal in 1965-66, and 9.49 million tonnes in 1966-67. According to the present indication the Corporation is expected to produce over 10 million tonnes of coal in 1967-68 which will be enough to meet the demand for its coal.

ADVERSE EFFECT ON ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES DUE TO RECESSION

5253. **SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to the recession in the engineering industries in the past, there has been any adverse effect noticed on public sector engineering corporations;

(b) if so, how far their production and profits were affected and what is the likely trend in the year 1968-69 and how far the deficiencies are likely to be covered; and

(c) the measures which have been taken to overcome the recession in the public sector ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

GOSHEN SHIP STRUCK UP AT MANDAPAM DRY-DOCK

5254. **SHRI BABURAO PATEL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Goshen, the ship which was badly damaged in the cyclone at Dhanushkodi in December, 1964, is rotting in the Mandapam dry-dock ever since;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on account of this, the dry-dock has not income during the period and caused great inconvenience to the repairers of other ships and mechanized boats;

(c) if so, the income lost during the above period;

(d) the amount paid by way of salaries to the Captain and crew during the above period and how long they will continue to be paid; and

(e) the reasons for neglecting Goshen and the steps taken by Government to empty the dry-dock which is reported to be fast silting ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) TSS Goshen was damaged at Talaimanar in a cyclone in December, 1964. It was refloated in August 1965 and has since then been berthed in Mandapam Dry Dock. The ship is being looked after and is not rotting.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The amount paid in the form of salary of staff members is Rs. 1,19,638. They have to be retained for maintenance of machinery in the ship and watching duty till the ship is disposed of.

(e) The ship has not been neglected and action is already in hand to dispose of the ship.

मुरादनगर से गाजियाबाद जाने वाली मालगाड़ी से चौरों द्वारा गुड़ उतार लिया जाना

5255. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 13 फरवरी, 1968 को कुछ चौरों ने दुहाई गांव के निकट एक मालगाड़ी से, जो मुरादनगर