Explosions at Railway Tracks

Shri Hem Barua: 167. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Shri P. C. Borooah: Shrimati Tarkeshwari Siaha: Shrimati Renuka Barkataki: Dr. Ranen Sen: Shri Dinen Bhattacharya: Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaiya:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two explosions, one at the railway track near the Agra Fort Railway Station and another in the South Eastern Railway's Shalimar Yard in Howrah, occurred some time back; and
- (b) if so, whether any investigations have been conducted into these incidente and the reasons established?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) There was an incident of fire in a wagon containing fire-works, standing in Shalimar Yard on South Eastern Railway on 29-9-65. On 2-10-65, an explosion occurred near railway track between Agra Fort and Idgah Railway Stations on the Western Railway.

(b) Yes. Both the cases are still! under police investigation.

Comuni Projected

Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 882 on the 27th August, 1965 and state the further action taken by Government against the defaulters who have not progressed satisfactorily in processing the licences granted to them for starting cement factories?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): Approval of schemes for the manufacture of cement, review of the progress made by these schemes and cancellation of schemes which are not likely to be implemented is a continuous process. During the current year, extension of time for taking steps to implement the schemes have been given in 17 cases; 15 schemes have so far been cancelled for want of progress.

Derailment near Kanpur

Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri Bhann Prakash Singh;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 858 on the 27th August, 1965 regarding derailment between Hamirpur and Ghatampur near Kanpur on the 8th June. 1965 and state:

- (a) whether the Report of Enquiry has since been received by Government; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The Enquiry Committee has in its report stated that at about 7.41 hours on 8-6-65 while train No. 111 Dn. Banda-Lucknow Passenger was running between Hamirpur Road and Ghatampur stations, the leading pair of bogie wheels of the engine got derailed on the right side of the track and travelled in the derailed condition for about one kilometre before the train came to a stop.

The Committee could not establish the cause of the accident on the basis of evidence available and as such no railway staff was held responsible.

Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant

Shri Yashpal Singh: 170. Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh: Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Dr. Chandrabhan Singh: Shri Parashar: Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavatyu ·

Shri Chandak: Shri J. P. Jyotishi: Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 831 on the 27th August, 1965 regarding Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant and state:

- (a) whether the result of the further samples sent to the Central Fuel Research Institute has been received by Government; and
 - (b) if so, the findings thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy); (a) and (b). Tests on the further samples also have not given encouraging results.

Manufacture of Fertilizer and Chemical Equipment

171. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1903 on the 10th September, 1965 and state:

- (a) whether the preliminary posal received from M/s. TECHNO-EXPORT Czechoslovakia for the establishment of a unit to manufacture fertilizer and chemical equipment has dnce been considered; and
- (b) if so, the decision taken thereen!

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). proposal is being processed by Government.

Passenger Amenities in Delhi Area

Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: 172. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposals for improving the Railway passenger amenities in the Delhi area:

- (b) if so, the details thereof and when they are likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the approximate expenditure involved in the proposals?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, works as detailed in part (b) below have been finalised.

(b) and (c).

Name of Work	Estimated cost
	Rs.

Subzimandi-Raising low level passenger platform and providing shelter thereon alongwith foot-overbridge at-

2,92,000

Ghaziabad-Providing passenger shelter on Island platform .

2,14,000

4,34,000

Hazrat Nizamuddin-Provision of passenger shelter on Island platform 1,76,000

Delhi main—Extension of shelter on passenger platform at— (Phase II) .

The above works are likely to be completed by 1966-67.

Production of Cement from Blast Furnace Slag

- 173. Shri B. K. Das; Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 814 on the 24th September, 1965 and state:
- of blast furnace (a) the amount slag so far utilised for the production of cement:
- (b) the number of cement factories which have been using slag as a raw material; and
- (c) its effect on the cost of production?