

**ATTACK ON RAJINDER NAGAR STATION  
ON NORTHERN RAILWAY**

5393. **SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several personnel of the Railway Protection Force, and Government Railway Police and Chief Travelling Ticket Examiner of the special mobile railway ticket checking squad were injured when more than two hundred students attacked with stones the Suburban Rajinder Nagar Railway Station on the Indore-Khandwa section of the Western Railway on the 12th March, 1968;

(b) if so, the total number of persons injured;

(c) the total loss of the railway property; and

(d) the steps which Government are considering to take in the matter ?

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

(b) 12 including 6 Railway employees.

(c) Rs. 350 (approximately).

(d) Maintenance of Law and order within Railway premises and as also safety and Security of Railway property and life and property of passengers and railway employees is the responsibility of the State and State Government Railway Police and such incidents are reported to them immediately for necessary action. As Railways are vitally concerned, assistance of Railway Protection Force personnel is given to State Police wherever necessary.

Government Railway Police, Indore has registered a case under section 148, 332, 353, 426, 427, 149, 343 IPC and 120 Indian Railways' Act. Investigation by Police is progressing.

**OPHTHALMIC GLASS PROJECT, DURGAPUR**

5394. **SHRI AHMAD AGA** : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ophthalmic Glass Project, Durgapur has started production;

(b) if so, its estimated annual production and its production at present;

(c) whether the stocks have reached the market and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) why Government is allowing import of Ophthalmic Glass when there is indigenous production ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED)**: (a) to (d). The Ophthalmic Glass Project, Durgapur being set up with Soviet Assistance has been designed for a capacity to manufacture 300 tons per year of Ophthalmic Glass blanks of which 233 tons would be processed by the factory into 10.3 million pieces of lenses and remaining 67 tons are intended to be sold as such in the market for processing by lens grinding units. The construction phase of the project is almost over and the factory has just commenced trial production. Commercial production is expected soon and in course of next two to three years, the project will attain full production. As there is no other unit in the country manufacturing Glass blanks, the entire requirements of Ophthalmic Blanks are being met by imports.

**KHADI BHANDARS**

5395. **SHRI R. K. BIRLA** : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loan and subsidy separately given by the Central Government to the State Governments for Khadi Bhandars during the last two years;

(b) the total production of Khadi during the last two years, total sale on this account during the above period and total investment made by Government at present in the Khadi production campaign;

(c) the total quantity of Khadi exported during the last two years and the foreign exchange earned thereby;

(d) whether Government have received complaints regarding mixing of poor