

(b) if so, the details of loss of life and property due to this incident as also the possible reasons leading thereto; and

(c) whether any investigation has so far been held into the matter?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) The accident took place between Wadregdisa and Daotuhaja stations on 4-2-66.

(b) and (c). There was no loss of life. The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 58,000/-

The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Calcutta, has held an enquiry into the accident. According to his provisional finding the derailment was due to a bridge having been blown up by some unknown person or persons and was a deliberate act of sabotage.

#### Fuel Deposits

**1129. Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 503 on the 12th November, 1965 about fuel deposit reserves and state:

(a) the facts about the deposits of oil and coal in the world and in India; and

(b) whether the picture about the deposits, quantitatively and qualitatively, calls for any action and if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) According to the information available with the Geological Survey of India, the reserves of coal in the world are estimated at about 5 million million tons and the reserves of oil at about 77,000 million tons. In India, the coal reserves are estimated at about 120,000 million tons and the proved oil reserves at about 110 million tons.

(b) The reserves of non-metallurgical coal in India are quite abundant and no specific action is called for in this regard. The reserves of metallurgical coal are, however, limited and hence these are conserved as much as possible by resorting to various measures such as washing and blending. Exploration work to prove new reserves of metallurgical coal have also been taken in hand.

#### Export of Coal

**1120. Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Lokanathan's Study Group on export of coal has submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Group; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when the Group is likely to submit its report?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). The Study Group submitted its interim recommendations on 18-5-65; its final report is now under preparation and is expected by April, 1968. Action taken on the interim recommendations has already resulted in our regaining the Ceylon market, apart from the Burma market which was regained earlier.

#### Sampling and Rail Tariffs of Coal

**1131. Shri Himatsingha:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 150 on the 5th November, 1965 and state the action taken on the suggestions made by the World Bank for lowering of rail tariffs for coal carried in Block Rakes and for more detailed sampling of coal?