

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :** (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration in the light of some suggestions received from the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation, Bombay.

#### FIRING IN TRAIN

1234. **SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received report regarding the firing incident in the train on the 15th August, 1968 (Independence Day) in the District of Gorakhpur when the train of Loop Line moved from Khada to Gorakhpur Railway Station;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report; and

(c) reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) and (c). The Police have concluded their investigation and submitted charge-sheet in court against 98 accused persons. Magisterial enquiry was also conducted by the Additional Magistrate who declared the firing justified. No railway employee was found involved. No loss of private or public property has been reported.

#### B.G. LINE FROM BONGAIGON TO GAUHATI

1235. **SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4662 on the 20th August, 1968 and state :

(a) whether Government have finally decided the matter regarding the proposal to extend the broad gauge railway line from Bongaigon to Gauhati;

(b) if so, the total amount of expenditure on this scheme; and

(c) if not, reasons for delay?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) and (b). A survey to find out the justification for the conversion of the Bongaigaon-Gauhati section has been sanctioned recently. A decision regarding its actual conversion will be taken based on the results of the survey,

the availability of funds and the priority this work will merit. The expenditure that this work will involve will be known only after the survey is completed.

(c) Does not arise.

#### BROAD-GAUGE LINE FROM VARANASI TO GORAKHPUR

1236. **SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3988 on the 13th August, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the surveys for the conversion of the metre gauge railway line from Varanasi to Gorakhpur via Bhatni into broad gauge have been carried out;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) the total estimated expenditure thereon; and

(d) when the project is likely to be taken up?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) The surveys, sanctioned in July, 1968, are still in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The estimated cost of the surveys is Rs. 2,25,302.

(d) A decision on the conversion of the Varanasi-Bhatni-Gorakhpur metre gauge line to broad gauge, or its retention as metre gauge, will be taken after the above mentioned surveys are completed and the reports thereon examined by the Railway Board.

#### IMPORTS FROM NEPAL

1237. **SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :  
SHRI SITA RAM KESRI :  
SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that large quantities of goods are imported into Nepal, labelled as 'Made in Nepal' and then exported to India;

(b) whether Government are aware of any dissatisfaction among the Indian Traders because of above; and