

Explosion at Railway Track near Rangapahar Station

1809. SHRI D.C. SHHRMA :
 SHRI BENI SHANKER
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 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA
 NAIDU :
 SHRI YASHWANT SINGH
 KUSHWAH :
 SHRI RANJIT SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion blew up the railway track near Rangapahar station on the Nagaland-Assam border on the 9th February, 1969 shortly before the Tinsukia bound 19 Up Passenger train was to pass through the point ;

(b) whether any inquiry has been instituted into the matter ; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes ; the incident occurred on 8-2-1969 at about 19.40 hours.

(b) and (c). Government Railway Police, Dimapur Manipur Road have registered a case under Section 126(b) of the Indian Railways Act. Investigations by Police and Military authorities are in progress.

Managing Agency System

1810. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Utpal Chamber of Commerce and Industry as Published in the economic Times of the 4th February, 1969 enumerating the difficulties of business of high

priority which require heavy capital investment and high degree of enterpreneur-ship which was difficult to foster without the stewardship of the Managing Agency system :

(b) the precise difficulties pointed out by the Chamber in that statement and Government's reaction to each of them ; and

(c) whether in view of these difficulties Government propose to show down the process of elimination of managing agency system with a view to ensuring India's planned development ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Before taking a final decision the Government have carefully considered the merits of the proposed abolition of the managing agency system in all its aspects inculding the difficulties now pointed out by the President of the Chamber.

(c) No, Sir.

Import of Know-how

1811. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a symposium on self-sufficiency in consultancy services was held in the month of February this year particularly to discuss the Government's proposals on restricting imports of know-how and to centralise and co-ordinate the import of know-how through a certain agency ;

(b) if so, what major observations and suggestions were made at the said symposium ; and

(c) what decisions Government have taken in the light of these discussions specially to coordinate and restrict the