

been drawn to the Press reports appearing in the *Indian Express* of the 20th July, 1969 regarding renewed Chinese build up in the Chumbi valley and along the NEFA border at a number of Strategic points ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government have seen Press reports to this effect. While Chinese troops continue to remain in strength across our northern border, there is no indication that these troops have been recently augmented. A close watch continues to be kept in the interests of safeguarding our territorial integrity.

#### Naga Hostiles

3466. SHRI M. S. OBEROI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naga hostiles have recently increased their anti-Indian and destructive activities such as sabotage in Railway trains and other national projects ;

(b) if so, how many cases of sabotage aimed at the destruction of national property/projects etc. were discovered during the last three months with details of the loss of life/property suffered in each case ; and

(c) whether Government have adopted certain concrete measures to check such activities of the Naga hostiles ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). In the last three months four cases of sabotage and attempted sabotage came to light on the railways in Assam; there is no positive evidence of the involvement of Underground Nagas in these incidents.

There was no case of sabotage in Nagaland.

On the 21st May, there was an explosion in a compartment of a passenger train between two stations in Nowgong district which blew off the roof of the compartment. Three persons were killed and 14 were injured. On three subsequent dates explosives were recovered (i) at Simalguri railway station (ii) between Dimapur and Khatkhatia and (iii) between Chongajan and Naojan. The timely

detection of these explosives prevented damage to the railway property.

Government are vigilant, have tightened security measures are taking all possible steps to prevent sabotage activities by the Underground Nagas.

#### Exports of Iron Ore by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation

3467. SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation's exports of iron ore to other countries excepting Japan is expected to be much less than the last year and by June this year, there was glut of about five lakh tons of iron ore piled up with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation without finding any market ;

(b) whether the price of long term contract for export of iron ore is fixed for the entire period or reviewed every year ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that of the expected exports of iron ore to Japan, there is no agreement to include export of ore from Daitari Mines in Orissa, for the development of which Japanese also were financially associated ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY, (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir. The exports of iron ore to Japan as well as to countries other than Japan are likely to increase during the current year as compared to last year. The stocks of a bulk commodity like iron ore, both at the port and loading stations, have to be there to ensure uninterrupted exports.

(b) and (c). Under the existing long term contracts, firm price for Kiriburu ore is fixed for three years and for Bailadila ore for one year. In the long term offer for 218 million tons of iron ore made by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation to the Japanese Steel Mills, supplies of 25.2 million tons of Daitari ore were included. The initial reaction of the Japanese Steel Mills to Daitari ore has not been favourable. The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation will, however, pursue the matter with the Japanese