

[Shri Janardhana Poojary]

institutions. This is the break-up and in this area, the role of the financial institution as well as cooperative sector is very clear and hence I hope that Shri C, Madhav Reddi is satisfied with the answer.

I know that the hon. Member sitting behind Shri C. Madhav Reddi will not be satisfied but I can tell the House that he is kind enough to come to my Chamber and he says that "I am satisfied and already satisfied. That is the answer. I am grateful to the hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER : Member's satisfaction and the House's satisfaction are two different things.

(Interruptions)

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : In a lighter vein I stated, with love and affection for the hon. Member, young Member, I have stated, not with any malice.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Poojary, I think you will continue later on. For the time being, you have to finish. I will allow you next time. You can continue it. You can take it up tomorrow.

15.56 hrs-

STATEMENT RE : COLLISION BETWEEN 28 UP GORAKHPUR-HATIA EXPRESS AND A GOODS TRAIN AT GOMOH STATION OF EASTERN RAILWAY.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : I deeply regret to apprise the House of an unfortunate collision between 28 Up Gorakhpur-Hatia Maurya Express and a goods train at Gomoh Junction of Eastern Railway at 5.23 hours today. As a result of this collision as per the information received so far, 9 passengers lost their lives and 19 sustained injuries, 16 of the injured have

been taken to railway hospital at Dhanbad and the three others were permitted to resume their journey after medical attention. *prima facie* the collision is reported to have occurred due to the driver of the goods train having overshoot stop signals. The Driver has been immediately placed under suspension.

2. Medical relief van was immediately made available and the railway doctors at Gomoh rushed to the site and attended to the injured. In addition, a medical team from Dhanbad also rushed to the site by road.

3. Divisional officers from Dhanbad and General Manager, Eastern Railway accompanied by Senior officers and Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle have rushed to the site from Calcutta.

4. Ex-gratia payments to the next of the kin of the dead and those injured are being arranged. Necessary arrangements are being made to clear the stranded passengers of 28 Up Express.

5. This accident will be enquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety- Eastern Circle. On receipt of the enquiry report action would be taken against those held responsible for causing this collision.

We deeply regret the loss of life.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : This is a very unfortunate news that four family members of one of our Members of Lok Sabha Mr. Ram Bahadur died in this very accident, his brother, his wife and two children.

15.58 hrs-

STATEMENT RE : COMMON-WEALTH GAMES

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : The

Hon'ble Members have no doubt been following recent developments regarding the Commonwealth Games scheduled to start in Edinburgh from July 24.

2. The Government kept in close touch with the Governments of the Front line States. The Prime Minister was personally in contact with leaders of some of the Frontline States in an effort to work out some formula whereby the Games could be salvaged. The Government's endeavour was to explore every possible avenue so that our athletes, could have the opportunity to compete in the Games. Unfortunately, some of the recent statements of the British Government have left no doubt in our mind that they are not immediately prepared to implement even the minimum measures which all the Commonwealth countries had agreed to at Nassau, in case there was no progress in the direction towards dismantling of apartheid in South Africa.

3. Under the circumstances, the Government decided, with great regret, not to participate in the Games. Our decision is an expression of our solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa and with the Frontline States. It is still our hope that concerted action by the Commonwealth to implement necessary economic measures to end apartheid in South Africa will follow soon. Several hon. Members *rose*.

(Interruptions)

16.00 hrs.

SHRI T. BASHEER : This House should congratulate the Government for its bold decision and express our solidarity with the Government and our commitment to the cause of the African people.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : I request the Government to explore along with the boycotting countries the possibility of holding anti-apartheid games in New Delhi.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Yes, the Government should take the initiative.

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : If the entire House is of this view, it is really very good. We unanimously approve this thing and applaud it.

[English]

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS : Yes, yes.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You gave the notice and we adopted and passed it.

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : With one voice.

DISCUSSION RE : COMMUNAL SITUATION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, just now the hon. Minister has given the news of a very horrible accident and Professor Saheb has referred to the death of the family members and relatives of one of our hon. Members Shri Ram Bahadur. I am much pained to know about it. We all express our condolences to the bereaved family.

Much has been said in this House earlier also on the problem we are going to discuss today; we have discussed it a number of times in the past also and now the need has arisen to discuss it again. I am constrained to say a few words because I feel the agony which is quite unbearable. Whenever such incidents take place, the soul writhes in pain. Perhaps, the soul of every thoughtful man undergoes this experience. He reflects why and how such ghastly things happen ? Why a brother is after the blood of his own brother ?

The most unfortunate part is that we paid very heavy price for this malaise in 1947. Perhaps none else in the World