

**Repair to Railway Lines and Property
Damaged during Indo-Pak War**

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*117. SHRI R. S. PANDEY :
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
GRAHI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy damage was caused to Railway Stations and Railway Lines in the border areas during the recent Indo-Pak War;

(b) if so, the extent of the damage; and

(c) the steps taken so far to repair the damaged Railway lines and property ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 7.59 Lakhs approximate.

(c) Repairs were carried out promptly to the damaged track, Electrical installations & Signalling & Telecommunication gear. Action regarding repairs to buildings and Bridges is in hand.

SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER : Thanks to the chair or to the Minister ?

SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Both.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Chintamani Panigrahi,—absent. Thank you very much for not putting any supplementary.

U.K. Trade Team's visit to India

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*119. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH
MALIK :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a high-powered U.K. Trade team visited India during the last week of

February, 1972; and

(b) If so, whether any agreement has been signed with it and if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). No Trade team from U.K. visited India during the last week of February, 1972. A team consisting of some British industrialists and Officials of the British Government, however, visited India during March, 1972. This visit was not for signing any agreement with the Government of India. A copy of the Press Communique issued by the Ministry of Industrial Development issued in this connection is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library See No. L.T. 1499-72.]

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : I would like to know from the Minister whether he is in a position to say whether any effort has been made by the Government to secure even an interim agreement regarding the export of cotton goods to the UK after it entered into the EEC.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : If the hon. Member is referring to the cotton textile exports, we have come to some understanding about it. Regarding the other matters, we are still in touch with the United Kingdom.

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : May I know if the Minister is in a position to state what are the concessions he has secured regarding cotton ?

SHRI A.C. GEORGE : Regarding cotton, we have come to an understanding that 220 million sq. yds. of cotton textiles can be imported into the United Kingdom.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : In view of the fact that Britain happens to be one of our major customers, what action is the Government going to take after the entry of Britain into the EEC ? I particularly want to know whether we are negotiating some sort of associate membership in the EEC to keep up our exports.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : Such a suggestion has not been mooted so far.