

MR. SPEAKER : The main question was whether Government proposed to enhance export assistance to cotton textile mills, to which the Minister said 'no'. But all these questions which have no relevance to it are coming in.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : The question of assistance arose out of failure of promotion of exports.

Secondly, I would like to know whether it is within the knowledge of the Government that a large part of textile goods were exported from West Pakistan to Bangla Desh .. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No, no.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : This is about textiles and export promotion thereof ..

MR. SPEAKER : You can ask a separate question. I am not allowing it now.

Next Question.

पश्चिम रेलवे में रेल दुर्घटनाएँ

*652 श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत छः महीनों में पश्चिम रेलवे में कितनी रेल दुर्घटनाएँ हुई ;

(ख) इनमें से कितनी दुर्घटनाएँ रेल कर्मचारियों की असावधानी के कारण हुई ;

(ग) इन दुर्घटनाओं के कारण रेलवे को अनुमानतः कितने रुपये की हानि हुई ; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में कितने कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध विभागीय जांच की जा रही है ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) During the last six months i.e. from 1 10.71 to 31.3.72 there were 43 train accidents.

(a) 25.

(c) Approximately Rs. 2,45,279/-

(d) 45.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या मैं मंत्री महोदय से जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो दुर्घटनाएँ होती हैं उनका मूल कारण क्या है। इसके सम्बन्ध में कौन से लोग दोषी हैं ? क्या वह लोग दोषी पाये गए हैं जिन से आप बारह-बारह और सोलह-सोलह घंटे काम लेते हैं, और चूँकि अधिक काम करने में वे लोग अममर्थ हैं इसलिए उनके अस्वस्थ होने के कारण दुर्घटनाएँ होती हैं ? क्या मंत्री महोदय इसकी जांच करवा रहे हैं ?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : Sir, the causes are failure of the railway staff, failure of persons other than railway staff, failure of railway equipment and accidental. The inference that the railway staff is overworked and, therefore, these accidents are caused is not true.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : इस सम्बन्ध में कंट्रोल रूम की सबसे अधिक जवाबदेही है। मुझे कंट्रोल रूम में जाने का मौका मिला है। मैंने देखा है कि उन से बहुत अधिक काम लिया जाता है। उनको छः-छः घंटे तक एक ही स्थान पर बैठे रहना पड़ता है। सारे डिप्टिजन की गतिविधि लगातार छः घण्टे तक उन्हीं के काम करने पर निर्भर करती है। इसलिए एक क्षण के लिए भी वह वहाँ से हिल नहीं सकते। उनके ऊपर काम का बोझ अधिक होने के कारण ही अधिकतर यह दुर्घटनाएँ होती हैं। काम के अधिक बोझ के कारण उनमें से 70 प्रतिशत कर्मचारी अस्वस्थ रहते हैं। इसका ध्यान रखते हुए क्या मंत्री महोदय उनके काम के बोझ को कम करने के लिए तैयार हैं ? मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में यह नहीं बतलाया कि जो दोषी पाये गये हैं उन के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है। क्या इसका उल्लेख वह करेंगे ?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : The question does not relate to the points the hon. Member is making. But the House knows that every serious accident that takes place is being inquired into by an independent Commission—Railway Safety Commission. My hon. friend who represents labour should have made these points before the Commission whenever there was an inquiry. It is no use making that point in the House or to me

when there is an independent Commission which inquires into the causes of accidents.

Study of flood Problems in Gandak Basin and Lower Damodar Region

*653. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the flood problems in the Gandak basin and the lower Damodar region have been studied by the Committee set up for the purpose ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the study ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUSEEL) : (a) and (b) The report of the Technical Committee set up for studying the problem of floods and drainage congestion in the Lower Damodar Basin and for suggesting measures for reducing the recurring damage is being finalised and is expected to be submitted to the Government of India shortly.

The flood problems in the Gandak Basin are yet under study by the Gandak Technical Committee set up for evolving economical and permanent measures for the control of the river.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : In view of the losses caused by floods in the Gandak basin, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether they have decided to constitute a Flood Control Commission for the Gandak Basin in the lower Damodar area along with the Flood Control Board.

Secondly, it is said that the Study Team report is being finalised. What are the main features in this study report ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : Yes, Sir, a Flood Control Commission is being set up as also the Flood Control Board for the Ganga Basin.

As regards the report, we have not received the report yet. So, I would not be able to say what the features of the report are.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : It is being finalised—you said.

SHRI K. L. RAO : It is being finalised by the Committee. I have asked them to finalise it. So the report is expected any time.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Till receiving the report of the Study Team what measures is the Government proposing to take up to control the flood menace in this particular area ?

DR. K. L. RAO : I do not know whether the hon. Member is referring to Lower Damodar or the Gandak. Assuming it is Lower Damodar, we have sanctioned a project, and also the Government is giving financial assistance to the tune of Rs 5 crores to complete the First Phase of the Damodar. Phase II of the Damodar will then be taken up and an estimate is being prepared for that and will be put up before the Technical Advisors Committee and as soon as it is cleared by the Committee, this work will be sanctioned and completed within three or four years.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : The Minister just now replied that the first part of the Lower Damodar scheme has been completed and the Second part will depend on the report. Is it not a fact that the Minister himself visited the area and he himself took it very seriously that this project should be taken and completed at the earliest and at least Rs. 14 crores should be sanctioned for that scheme—Lower Damodar Scheme ?

DR. K. L. RAO : That is what I said, Nothing is completed. The First Phase has been sanctioned and the Second Phase is about to be sanctioned, but the sanctioned work has to be done and for that the Government is giving a special assistance outside the State Plan to the tune of nearly Rs. 5 crores for the Lower Damodar this year and next year. We are trying to do as much as possible.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : Rs. 14 crores is necessary to complete the project. You yourself admitted that when you visited the place.

DR. K. L. RAO : That is the cost of the project. It will take a few years—more than 2 years.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : दामोदर के पानी से बराबर बाढ़ का सिलसिला रहता है। अभी बिहार