

countries having different social and economic systems. The countries in the Eastern Europe have undertaken important obligations for expanding their trade with developing countries. The developing countries have also agreed to cooperate among themselves to expand their mutual trade.

When the resolutions adopted at UNCTAD are fully implemented, it is expected that in due course the developing countries will have a greater say in the decision making process of the international community on important economic matters than hitherto. Further, as a result of the progressive relaxation and eventual elimination of barriers affecting their trade, facilities would become available for the external trade of the developing countries to expand. In addition, the improvement of commercial infra-structure like shipping and insurance would also encourage the expansion of the trade of developing countries. The improvement in the volume and terms of flow of external financial resources would help in the acceleration of the economic development of developing countries. Thus in due course the developing countries would be able to fulfil the concept of self-reliance and international cooperation.

पश्चिम रेलवे में बोरी, हत्या, लूट और डकैती की घटनाएँ

*1046. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष पश्चिम रेलवे में बोरी, हत्या, लूट और डकैती की कितनी घटनाएँ हुईं;

(ख) इनसे अनुमानतः यात्रियों की कितने रुपये की सम्पत्ति की हानि हुई; और

(ग) भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तैया) : (क)

वर्ष	बोरी	हत्या	लूट-पाट	डकैती
1971	1339	9	15	3

(ख) 9,38,571 रु०

(ग) (i) रात में चलने वाली सभी महत्वपूर्ण गाड़ियों के साथ सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस के आरक्षी चलते हैं।

(ii) पर्यवेक्षक पुलिस अधिकारी, सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस के कर्मचारियों की ड्यूटी की जांच और सक्रिय अपराधियों पर निगाह रखते हैं।

(iii) परिचित अपराधियों की गतिविधियों पर रेलवे सुरक्षा दल द्वारा प्रच्छन्न निगाह भी रखी जाती है।

Steps to Secure Foreign Orders for Salt

*1056. SHRI IKRISHNA CHANDRA PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a great demand for Indian salt in the world market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to secure order for this commodity ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) There is a fluctuating demand in the world market for Indian salt.

(b) Salt exports have been canalised through S. T. C., whose foreign offices are promoting sales abroad. S. T. C. utilises Indian Trade Missions to promote exports wherever it does not have its own offices. Delegations consisting of S. T. C. representatives and salt manufacturers undertake sales tours. Visiting delegations are also approached regarding purchases of salt.

Allotment of Wagons For Coal to West Bengal and Bihar

*1057. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the coal industry in West Bengal is receiving about 650 less wagons

per day than the usual number, while Bihar coal industry is receiving 200 wagons more than its quota; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this maladjustment ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). Statistics of coal loading are not maintained by the Railways statewise. These are maintained field-wise or railway-wise. Collieries situated in both the States of West Bengal and Bihar constitute one composite field i. e., Bengal & Bihar coalfields. Movement from the Bihar or the West Bengal portion collieries in these fields depends on the various factors like the priority of their demands, materialisation of empties in the particular sphere, pilot working, route restrictions etc.

2. Rough estimate shows that the daily average number of wagons loaded from Bengal and Bihar collieries in Bengal-Bihar fields had been as under:—

(Daily average number of wagons loaded)

	West Bengal Collieries	Bihar collieries
1969-70	2418	3824
1970-71	2106	3436
1971-72	2066	3581
February 72	2165	3729
March 72	2214	3858
April 72	2227	3621

Average daily loading in West Bengal fields in 1971-72 had been only 352 wagons less per day as compared to 1969-70, the normal year, while average daily loading in Bihar fields in 1971-72 was 243 wagons less than that in 1969-70. Loading from West Bengal area has picked up from February, 72.

3. Loading from West Bengal fields suffered most due to various anti-social activities in Asansol spheres. Moreover, loading from Jharia in Bihar fields had to be kept up due to the same loading coking coal to the steel plants and washeries. Operation in Karanpura of Bihar fields was not much affected by anti-social activities,

Conversion of All-India Handloom Board into a Statutory Body

*1058. **SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the question of converting the All-India Handloom Board into a statutory body; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is likely to take some more time to finalise.

Yunus Committee Re Affairs of Coca Cola Export Corporation

*1059. **SHRI B. V. NAIK :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to lay on the Table the report of the Yunus Committee in regard to the Affairs of the Coca Cola Export Corporation and if so, when;

(b) the steps taken by Government in the light of the report so far; and

(c) the name of the chemical ingredient imported by the Corporation and how much of it is actually used per bottle and the percentage of this ingredient in the finished product ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). The so called Yunus Committee was an inter departmental fact finding Committee. Its terms of reference were to look into the import content of the Coca Cola Concentrate which is being exported, in order to recommend the rate of replenishment licence on such exports. The Committee came to the conclusion that import content of the Coca concentrate was 4.5%. On the basis of this report replenishment licence upto 4.5% on the total export of Coca Cola concentrate is