

some unknown persons opened fire at running train No. 350 Dn. at KM No. 475-476 in between Railway Station Butari and Beas. No casualty or injury was reported. GRP, Amritsar have registered a case.

4. On 6.11.90 at about 20.45 hrs. when 2904 Dn. was passing Railway crossing gate No.43-A between Butari and Beas Railway Station some unknown miscreants fired at train. No casualty or injury was reported to anyone. GRP Amritsar has registered a case.

5. On 5.11.90 at about 19.40 hrs. some unidentified miscreants fired at speeding 5 LL passenger train at KM No. 59/60 near bridge No. 141 in between Kankhurd Halt and Lohiankhas, GRP, Jalandhar have registered a case.

6. On 20.11.90 at about 18.22 hrs. some miscreants fired at 5 AK passenger train at KM No. 19/90 in between Taran Taran and Gohalwal Verpal Stations. GRP, Amritsar have registered a case.

(ii) *Cases of blowing up of track.*

7. On 5.11.90 a track was blown off following blast at KM 68/12/69/1 in between Ghariyala and Khemkaran station. As a result of which 4 ft line piece was blown off, 5 sleepers, 9 CST plates and 2 tie-bars were damaged. GRP, Amritsar has registered a case.

8. On 20.11.90, 3 feet track at East side and 2.71 Mtrs. at West side was found completely blown off at KM No. 61/5-6 between Khemkaran and Ghariyala. As a result of above explosion 5 sleepers were found completely damaged and 200 partially damaged. GRP, Amritsar has registered a case.

[*Translation*]

Strike by LPG Delivery Men in Delhi

770. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the LPG delivery men in capital went on strike on 11 August, 1990 in support of their demands;

(b) if so, the main demands thereof;

(c) the action being taken by the Government on their demands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Shortage of Kerosene and Diesel in Rural Areas

771. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Diesel and Kerosene in rural areas and the prices have increased sharply; and

(b) if so, the time by which oil is likely to be made available sufficiently at the prescribed rates in rural areas, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) No reports have been received regarding acute shortage of Diesel and Kerosene and sharp increase in