

Experts after Devaluation

*175. Dr. Karni Singh:
 Shri S. Supakar:
 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 Shri Umanath:
 Shri C. Janardhanan:
 Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
 Shri Pattam Gopalan:
 Shri K. M. Abraham:
 Shri V. Vishwanatha Menon:
 Shri F. P. Esthose:
 Shrimati Susela Gopalan:
 Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
 Shri M. V. Rajasekharan:
 Shri N. K. Somani:
 Shri S. P. Damani:
 Shri K. Anrudhan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any spurt in India's export trade and decrease in her imports since the devaluation of the rupee;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) how our exports during the last six months compare with the exports during the corresponding period of 1965-66?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dimesh Singh): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-171/67].

Derailment on Lumding-Mariani Section

*176. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Fandoy:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
 Shri Onkar Lal Barua:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naga Rebels derailed a train at Letekujan between Titabar and Kharikatia stations on the Lumding-Mariani Sec-

tion of the North-East Frontier Railway on the 2nd March, 1967;

(b) if so, the number of persons died or injured as a result thereof;

(c) the total amount of loss to the Railway property; and

(d) whether there had been frequent accidents on this route?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) One killed and five injured.

(c) Rs 2,425.

(d) Yes Sir, some accidents due to sabotage and tampering with track have taken place on this Section

Manufacture of Tractors

*177. Shri Hukam Chand Kachhaviya: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 639 on the 2nd December, 1966 and state.

(a) whether the detailed project report regarding the manufacture of Tractors in the country in collaboration with Czechoslovakia has since been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken in its submission?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The first part of the Detailed Project Report is expected to be received sometime next month.

Expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant

*178. Shri S. Supakar: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to further expand the Rourkela Steel Plant in the near future; and