

**EXPANSION OF HMT**

606. SHRI B. C. FATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/प्रद्योगिक विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion plans for the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Bangalore have been finalised;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the plans for expansion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/प्रद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री

(PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) and (b) Government have approved of the scheme submitted by Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore, to expand the production of watches by establishment of a new factory in Jammu Sc Kashmir State and by expansion of their existing watch factory at Bangalore for taking up production of automatic watches with day/date mechanism. The Company is taking steps to implement this expansion. The other projects proposed by the Company for implementation during the Fourth Plan, are the Tractor Project at H.M.T. unit Pinjore; the Printing Machinery Project at the Company's unit at Kalamassery (Kerala) and the Metal Forming Press Project in the Hyderabad unit of the Company. These projects are, at present, at different stages of consideration of the Government and the Company. The Company, in addition, also proposes to take up the project for manufacture of Die Casting and Plastic Injection Moulding Machines from its own internal resources.

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**DIRECT TRAIN BETWEEN DELHI AND HOSHIAR-PUR**

607. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run a direct train between Delhi and Hoshiarpur on the Northern Railway;

(b) whether Government have received any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, from which source and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAH QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Representations from Shri Narain Chand Prashar and 8 other M.Ps. have been received in this regard. Hoshiarpur, which is situated on Jullundur-Hoshiarpur Branch Line (43 Km.) is adequately served by a number of direct trains between Delhi and Jullundur/Jn. Introduction of a direct train between Delhi and Hoshiarpur has neeiiLi been found justified nor operational-ly feasible.

**RAJDHANI EXPRESS TYPE TRAIN BETWEEN DELHI AND BOMBAY**

608. SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/ रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fast train between Delhi and Bombay, like the Delhi Calcutta Rajdhani Express, is proposed to be introduced from April, 1972;

(b) whether it is a fact that a Permanent Way Inspector has categorically stated that operation of such a train will not be possible because a 50 kilometre stretch of railway track between Baroda and Broach is too weak to take any increase in train speed; and

(c) if so, what is the actual position in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में

उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) Yes.

(b) 'The Times of India' carried such a report recently.

(c) The sanctioned speed for these trains over the various sections would be regulated as required for safe working. The sanction of the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety will also be taken as required under the rules.

**ECONOMY IN CONSUMPTION ON COAL IN RAILWAYS**

609. SHRI SIARAM JAIPURIA: -

Will the Minister of

RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drive which was initiated sometime ago to effect economy in the consumption of coal in the railways is still continuing;