

capacity of public sector plants to produce railway equipment ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :
(a) No Sir. Some capacity, however, has been used by placing orders against their offers to manufacture railway equipment.

(b) Does not apply.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF EFFICIENCY CELL ON I.O.Ws.

*419. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of the Efficiency Cell of the Railway Board regarding norms and manpower assessment for the Inspectors of Works in the Railways ;

(b) if so, whether such implementations have resulted in the provision of additional I. O. W.s and A. I. O. W.s and in creating more employment potential for Civil Engineering diploma holders; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what steps Government have taken to reduce the excess workload of the staff of that category ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of 22 recommendations of the Efficiency Bureau concerning simplification, rationalisation and streamlining of procedures and practices with a view to reducing the workload on Inspectors of Works, 16 have been accepted and are being implemented. As soon as the effect of these steps on the question of manpower assessment for the Inspectors of Works is available, action will be taken on other recommendations.

'EXPORT EXPRESS' FROM LUDHIANA TO BOMBAY

*420. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to run an 'Export Express' from Ludhiana to Bombay in order to help export of goods manufactured in Punjab and adjoining areas ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) A proposal is under consideration to run an 'Export Express' from Ludhiana to Bombay if sufficient export traffic offers. This special will also help export traffic offering at Amritsar, Jullunder City and Rajpura.

(b) The details are being worked out.

DETERIORATION IN QUALITY OF PAPER

*421. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the quality of paper produced in various paper mills has deteriorated recently ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b) Certain complaints have been received with regard to the Industry not producing paper as per the ISI specifications. To correct this position the matter has been taken up with the industry through the *ad hoc* Committee on Paper Industry.

SCOOTER FACTORY IN KERALA

*422. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री be pleased