- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority proposes to undertake the responsibility of electrifying its colonies in Delhi; and
- (b) if so, whether any request to this effect has been made to the Central Government and reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER/
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(b) Does not arise.

## EFFECTS OF WAGON SHORTAGE ON JUTE AND PAPER MILLS IN CALCUTTA

- 18. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/ रेल मंत्री " be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the *Hindusthan Standard on* June 22, 1971 under the heading "Calcutta mills hard hit by wagon shortage":
- (b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of jute and paper mills in Calcutta may have to be closed down soon due to the shortage of railway wagons;
- (c) what are the details of the immediate steps which Government propose to take to tackle the situation?

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Transport of traffic to different industries in West Bengal has been seriously affected due to repeated dislocation of train services on account of various anti-social activities, particularly in Calcutta area and its suburbs, where the jute and paper Mills are situated. Movement of jute to West Bengal area had however been more this year as compared to last year.
- (c) There is no shortage of wagons on Railways, but there is temporary short availability of the same for reasons mentioned under part (b) above. All possible efforts are being made to control these anti-social activities

by improving the law and order position in West Bengal.

## UNION CARBIDE MIDGET ELECTRODES

- 19. KUMARI SHANTA VASISHT:
  SHRI MAHITOSH PURAKAYASTHA:
  SHRI SUHRID MULLICK
  CHOUDHURY: SHRI GOLAP
  BARBORA: SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will
  the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, Therefore facility is pleased
  to state:
- (a) whether Government has issued the letter of intent for the expansion of capacity of the Union Carbide Midget Electrodes;
- (b) whether Government have allowed the shifting of the factory from Calcutta to Hyderabad;
- (c) if so, whether the consent of the Government of West Bengal was obtained for the transfer; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT/ ग्रेद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, shifting of the factory from Calcutta to Hyderabad has been allowed; but the Company have been permitted to implement their scheme of expansion for manufacture of midget electrodes at the Hyderabad factory.
- (c) The Director of Industries, West Bengal, when consulted had not agreed to the implementation of the expansion capacity at Hyderabad instead of at Calcutta.
- (d) It is not in the country's interest to divulge the reason for allowing the capacity at Hyderabad.

## DEMANPS FOR LINKING POONA-MIRAJ SECTION WITH CENTRAL RAILWAY

- 20. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the persistent demand by the railway users in the Poona-Miraj Section of the South Central Railway to delink that Section from the South Central Railway and link it with the Central Railway, with its divisional headquarters at Poona or Sholapur; and