

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint working group consisting of representatives of India, U.A.R. and Yugoslavia which was set up in pursuance of an industrial co-operation agreement among the three countries, has identified four production lines for tripartite collaboration;

(b) if so, what are these four joint ventures for establishment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these three countries are also considering a proposal to lower import tariffs on several new items;

(d) whether all the three countries have felt that early establishment of the joint ventures will be advantageous to all the three countries; and

(e) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) T. V. Glass Bulbs.

(2) T. V. Picture Tubes;

(3) 55-60 H. P. Wheeled Tractors.

(4) Scooters.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) As regards T. V. glass bulbs and T. V. picture tubes, the concerned enterprises have been directed to prepare a detailed project report within a period of six months. As regards wheeled tractors and scooters, further action will be taken after the specific models to be manufactured on a tripartite basis have been selected.

#### LOSS SUFFERED BY RAILWAYS AS A RESULT OF FLOODS

307. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

DR. B. N. ANTANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several railway lines were affected as a result of the floods in various parts of U.P., West Bengal and Gujarat and many train services had to be suspended; and

(b) the details of loss incurred by railways, as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Yes,

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### VIEW OF WESTERN INDIA AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION ABOUT PEOPLE'S CAR

308. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Western India Automobile Association have pronounced the people's car as "an absolute myth"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Government are not aware of the views of the Western India Automobile Association referred to in the question. Government have already decided, in principle, to set up a project in the public sector for the manufacture of passenger cars of a proven foreign design for an annual capacity of 50,000 Nos. In pursuance of this decision, necessary follow up action is now being taken.

#### EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF EARNEST MONEY AGAINST INDENTS FOR STEEL BILLETS

309. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the Steel Re-rolling Mills Association are exempted to pay deposits against indents for billets whereas the small re-rollers are required to pay heavy deposits for comparatively smaller order of re-rollable scrap; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this discrepancy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**पश्चिमी रेलवे के खार स्टेशन को खार पूर्व से जोड़ने वाला पुल**

310. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिमी रेलवे के खार स्टेशन को खार पूर्व से जोड़ने वाला पुल कितना चौड़ा है और वह कब बनाया गया था;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि जून, 1968 से सरकार को जवाहर नगर के निवासियों की ओर से इस पुल को 16 फीट चौड़ा करने सम्बन्धी ज्ञापन प्राप्त होते रहे हैं; और

(ग) नये चौड़े पुल का निर्माण कार्य कब से आरम्भ कर दिया जायेगा ?

†[BRIDGE CONNECTING KHAR STATION WITH KHAR EAST OF WESTERN RAILWAYS

310. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the width of the bridge connecting Khar Station with Khar east of Western railways when it was constructed;

(b) whether it is a fact that since June, 1968 Government have been receiving memoranda from the residents of Jawahar Nagar to increase the width of the bridge to 16 feet; and

(c) the time by when the construction of a new broader bridge is likely to be started ?]

**रेल मन्त्री (श्री गुलजारी लाल नन्दा) :**

(क) 6 फुट/यह पुल 1929 में बनाया गया था ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) 16 फुट/चौड़ा अतिरिक्त ऊपरी पैदल पुल, बम्बई नगर निगम के खर्च पर

“निक्षेप” कार्य के रूप में बनाया जाना है । निगम ने सामान्य व्यवस्था की योजना को 24-8-70 को पास कर दिया है । अब कार्य का विस्तृत अनुमान तैयार किया जा रहा है । जब अनुमानित लागत मंजूर हो जायेगी और इस काम की लागत के लिये नगर निगम द्वारा रेलवे को आवश्यक रकम उपलब्ध कर दी जायेगी, तो काम तुरन्त शुरू कर दिया जायेगा ।

‡[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Six feet. It was constructed in 1929.

(b) Yes.

(c) The additional 16 ft. wide foot over-bridge has to be constructed as a “deposit” work at the cost of Bombay Municipal Corporation. The general arrangement plan has been approved by the Corporation on 24-8-1970. The detailed estimate for the work is now being prepared and the work will be taken in hand, as soon as the estimate is accepted and necessary amount to cover the cost of the work is made available to the railway by the Municipal Corporation.]

**STEEL PRODUCTION IN DURGAPUR STEEL PROJECT**

311. SHRI KALYAN ROY :  
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Statesman' of the 23rd September, 1970 to the effect that production in the Durgapur Steel Project dwindles despite an improved labour situation there, if so, the reasons therefor; and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : The news item published in the Statesman Calcutta dated 23rd September 1970 refers to the Durgapur Projects Ltd. which is an undertaking of the West Bengal Government