

AMOUNT COLLECTED BY RAILWAYS AS
PILGRIM TAX

671. SHRI DEVDATT KUMAR KIKABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a letter, dated 9th October, 1970, from Sarpanch of Unai Group of Gram Panchayat, Unai (via Billimora) District, Bulsar of Gujarat in connection with refund of amount collected by Railways as pilgrim tax;

(b) if so, the contents thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a copy of the Resolution passed by the above Panchayat in this regard has also been received by Government; and

(e) if so, the details of the Resolution and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) :

(a) Yes.

(b) The Sarpanch has demanded payment of pilgrim tax collected upto 1954 from railway passengers visiting Unai and Bansda Road Stations on Billimora — Waghai, Narrow Gauge Section.

(c) The Sarpanch of the Unai Group Gram Panchayat has been advised by the Western Railway that Rs. 24,259/10/3 were collected towards pilgrim tax at Unai and Bansda Road Stations from January, 1950 to 20-10-54 (The tax was discontinued from 21-10-54). After deducting collection charge, Rs. 23,046/10/3 were credited to the then Government of Bombay. It was also suggested to the Sarpanch that the Government of Maharashtra may be approached for further action in this regard.

(d) Yes.

(e) In the Resolution, payment of pilgrim tax collected by the Railway from passengers visiting Unai has been demanded. Action taken on the letter of the Sarpanch with which a copy of the Resolution was received, has been indicated in (c) above. No other action is required on this Resolution.

औद्योगिक उत्पाद में कमी

672. श्री राम सहाय : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा आन्तरिक व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष की छमाही में पिछले वर्ष की छमाही की अपेक्षा औद्योगिक उत्पादन में कमी हुई है; यदि हां, तो कितनी; और

(ख) कलकत्ता में उत्पादन में जो कमी हुई है उसका देश के किस-किस उद्योग पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

† [FALL IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

672. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a fall in industrial production during the last six months in the country as compared to the corresponding period of the last year; if so, the extent thereof; and

(b) the names of these industries and the extent to which the production in the country has been affected by the decrease in production in Calcutta?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा आन्तरिक व्यापार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एम० आर० कृष्ण) :

(क) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध प्रारम्भिक आंकड़ों के आधार पर औद्योगिक उत्पादन के सरकारी सूचकांक में जनवरी-जून, 1970 की अवधि में गत वर्ष की इसी अवधि की अपेक्षा औद्योगिक उत्पादन में 5.5 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है ।

(ख) कलकत्ता तथा उसके उपनगरों में श्रमिक प्रबंधक कठिनाइयों के कारण कुछ एककों के बन्द होने की सूचनाएँ भी प्राप्त हुई हैं । इसका दुष्प्रभाव विशेषकर सिलाई मशीनों तथा बिजली के पंखों के उत्पादन (मेसर्स जय इन्जीनियरिंग कम्पनी) रबड़ तथा रबड़ उत्पादों (मेसर्स

† [] English translation.