

not possible to take any action against the erring elements in the Paper Trade. The Paper Industry has, however, assured that prices will not be increased without prior consultation with the Government.

(c) Hindustan Paper Corporation Private Limited has already been incorporated on the 30th May, 1970, as a public sector undertaking.

ECONOMY MEASURES IN RAILWAYS

391. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:
SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under consideration a special programme to effect economy in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures so far taken in this regard and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. ULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Yes. Government have, from time to time, worked out special programmes to effect economy on Indian Railways. The drive for economy has gained further impetus in the context of the 11-point programme announced in the Rajya Sabha.

(b) and (c) Details are furnished in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Some of the important programmes adopted for effecting economy on Indian Railways are listed below:—

1. A coal saving drive and a drive for reduction in the consumption of diesel oil have been launched on Indian Railway from 1-5-70 and 15-6-70 respectively. While it is premature to indicate any firm results of economy achieved, the progress made so far has been encouraging.

2. A special cell has been set up in the Railway Ministry, among other things, in order to examine various suggestions emanating from different sources for increase in efficiency, avoidance of losses, reduction of expenditure etc.

3. Special reviews of steam engine utilisation have resulted in reduction of steam engine holdings.

4. Through programmed work studies for achieving greater efficiency of working and optimum capital investments, an annual saving of about Rs. 68 lakhs and a reduction in proposed capital expenditure to the extent of Rs. 7.20 crores have been achieved.

5. Various steps have been initiated for achieving better inventory control and effecting economy in expenditure of stores.

6. Better utilisation of assets has been achieved by improving efficiency.

7. Towards increasing productivity in railway workshops, incentive schemes have been introduced.

8. A one man expert committee on railway claims was appointed in August/1969 to suggest preventive measures for reducing the incidence of losses and damages. The recommendations of this committee are under examination.

PRINTING PRESS MANUFACTURING UNIT AT H.M.T., KERALA

392. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-TERAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to set up a printing press manufacturing unit at the Hindustan Machine Tools, Kalamassery, Kerala; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken on the proposal?