

BIMLAGARH-TALCHER RAIL LINK

733. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the engineering and traffic surveys of the railway link between Bimlagarh and Talcher, with access to Koira valley in Orissa has progressed and whether the surveys are expected to be completed as per schedule;

(b) if any of the surveys has since been completed, the results thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA):

(a) to (c) The field work for the Engineering Survey has been completed and the report is being compiled, while 90% progress has been achieved on the traffic Survey, upto the end of June, 1970. The surveys are expected to be completed as per schedule.

FEASIBILITY REPORT PREPARED BY NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

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

(a) whether the National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., has prepared any feasibility report for setting up certain engineering based industrial units including a Gas Cylinder Plant in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision on the report;

(c) if so, which are the particular industries proposed to be set up and in which States; and

(d) what are the various facilities and concessions offered by the States for setting up of the industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) The only case in which a feasibility study for the location of an engineering industry in

Madhya Pradesh had been prepared by the National Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC) is the one relating to the setting up of a pig iron plant of 1 lakh tonnes per annum capacity. This study was commissioned on behalf of the Government of Madhya Pradesh and it was for the State Government to take a decision on this study. The other case in which the NIDC did examine the location of an engineering industry in Madhya Pradesh related to the gas cylinder project. Bhilai and Jhansi areas of Madhya Pradesh had been considered among other locations, but the final recommendation of the NIDC was not in favour of any area within the limits of Madhya Pradesh.

(d) A gas cylinder unit to be located at Naini, will have facilities normally available to new industrial undertakings.

SUPPLY OF SCARCE CATEGORIES OF IRON AND STEEL TO LAGHU UDYOG NIGAM LTD., BHOPAL AND S.S.I. UNIT OF MADHYA PRADESH

735. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of indents relating to scarce categories of iron and steel placed by Laghu Udyog Nigam Ltd. Bhopal and by S. S. I. Units of Madhya Pradesh are still pending with indigenous producers;

(b) if so, what are the quantities still to be executed by the various producers and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to the old indents; and

(d) if so, the time by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (d) During 1969-70, Madhya Pradesh Laghu Udyog Nigam were permitted to book order upto the ceiling of 4432 tonnes which they did in full. Out of these as well as earlier orders, they were given priority in despatches for 1351 tonnes during 1969-70, and for a further 1392 tonnes during April-September 1970. Despatches to Madhya

Pradesh State in 1969-70 were 1,517 tonnes. Total quantity of sheets outstanding as on 1-5-1970 on Producers in favour of the Madhya Pradesh Laghu Udyog Niam was 10,574 tonnes. Supplies will be made according to the priority accorded by the Steel Priority Committee from time to time, keeping in view the pending indents, the total priority demand and availability.

736. [Transferred to the 18th August, 1970.]

PROTECTION OF RAILWAY PROPERTY

737. SHRI B. K. KAUL :
SHRI GANESHI LAL
CHAUDHARY :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD :
SHRI S. D. MISRA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the concrete steps that are being taken to save railway property from the ravages of hooligans, demonstrators and agitators who in their efforts to achieve their demands on various issues having no connection with the railways, attack railway property and cause huge losses; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the strength of the railway police and to deploy the Central Reserve Police for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force are being increasingly deployed to protect Railway property and to assist the State Police in handling such situations. Closest liaison is being maintained with the State Police authorities who deal with law and order, with a view to securing their assistance.

A bill has also been introduced in the Parliament inter-alia to provide for deterrent punishment for causing damage or destruction to Railway property.

Steps are also taken to project before the public the baneful effects of destruction of national assets like the Railway property.

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(b) Information regarding this question is being obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs and will be placed on the table of this House immediately on receipt.

ASIAN TRADE FAIR

738. SHRI B. K. KAUL :
SHRI GANESHI LAL
CHAUDHARY :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD :
SHRI S. D. MISRA :

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

(a) whether co-operation of his Ministry has been sought by the Ministry of Foreign Trade for the forth coming "Asian Trade Fair" to be held in Delhi; and

(b) the names of the public sector and private sector industries that are likely to take part in the fair?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is too early to indicate the position.

SETTING UP OF A TECHNO-ECONOMIC BRAIN TRUST

739. SHRI S. D. MISRA :
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD :
SHRI B. K. KAUL :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when the proposed Research and Development Board as a techno-economic brain trust for his Ministry is likely to be set up;

(b) whether the Committee set up for preparing a blue-print for the proposed organisation has since submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the functions that are likely to be assigned to the organisation and what would be the financial implications of the proposed organisation?