

quarters to functional Headquarters and important points of operation, thereby increasing their operational efficiency.

(c) November, 1968.

JOINT VENTURES ABROAD WITH INDIAN KNOW-HOW

3. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of countries wanted to benefit by the Indian know-how;

(b) what are those countries in which Indian proposed to open joint ventures; and

(c) what are the terms of each venture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Yes Madam. Indian Industries possess to-day experience, expertise and know-how in several fields of industry and industrialists in a number of countries have been interested in benefiting from this.

(b) So far 83 proposals have been approved for joint industrial ventures abroad. The countries involved are Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zambia in Africa, Ceylon, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand in Asia, Ireland and U.K. in Europe. Canada, USA, Columbia, Trinidad and Grenada.

(c) The terms vary from project to project. Indian investment in these projects is limited to the value of machinery, equipment, tools, etc. required for the venture, Government does not allow cash remittances for investment abroad.

STUDY ON UNECONOMIC RAILWAY LINES.

4. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee which was appointed to undertake a study on the uneconomic railway lines in the country

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and to suggest ways for augmenting their earnings have submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the time by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

FISH-PLATES MISSING FROM RAILWAY TRACK ON SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

5. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that eight fish plates were found missing from the railway track between Jadachera and Mehboobnagar stations on the South Central Railway on the 21st June, 1969; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigations in the matter; if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, fish plates of 6 rail joints were found removed at Km. 97/2-6 between Jadachera and Mahbubnagar stations on 21st June 1969.

(b) Railway Police, Kacheguda registered a case under section 126 Indian Railways Act and the investigation is in progress.

CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

6. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

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

(a) whether a new Chairman of the National Small Industries Corporation has recently been appointed; and

(b) what is the procedure of appointment to such posts in the Public Sector Projects.