

Maharashtra in regard to the opening of a branch of Small Industries Institute at Nagpur; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**APPLICATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL LICENCES
FROM VLDARBA AND MARATHWADA**

1620. SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH :
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHRI :

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

(a) the number of applications received during the last two years for the grant of Industrial Licences from Vidarba and Marathwada areas of the Maharashtra State ; and

(b) what decision has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) Separate statistics for Vidarba and Marathwada areas of the Maharashtra State are not available, but so far as Maharashtra State is concerned, 238 applications were received in 1967 of which 99 were approved and 127 were rejected. In 1968, 232 application were received out of which 76 have been approved and 109 have been rejected.

BOKARO STEEL PLANT

1621. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Wilt the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state J.

(a) the number of Soviet experts working at the. Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(b) the steps taken to speed up the work there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) As on 30th June, 1969, there were 163 Soviet specialists working at the Bokaro Steel Project.

(b) The progress of civil engineering works, supply and erection of structural, refractories, plant and equipment, etc., is being reviewed from time to time and joint discussions are held at frequent intervals between various agencies including Soviet representatives to ensure that work is speeded up to the maximum extent possible. Where it is apprehended that indigenous supplies would not be available in time to suit the schedule, as for instance, in the case of some Steel Plates and refractories necessary imports have also been allowed so as not to delay the construction of the Project.

**IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICE CONDITIONS
OF RAILWAY ENGINE CREW**

1622. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to improve the service conditions of the engine crew in the Indian Railways ; and

(b) if so. the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**REVIEW OF PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS
OF LEGISLATURES**

1623. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a suggestion made