(c) The reason for the slow progress of work is the inability or delay of the State Govt, to keep to their commitment in regard to 'Shramdan' for earthwork and supply of skilled and unskilled labour for construction of station buildings, quarters and platforms etc.]

बीकानेर शहर से गुजरने वाले रेलमार्ग पर फाटक

*719. **श्री कुम्भाराम आर्य** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बीकानेर शहर से गुजरने वाले रेलमार्ग का फाटक भारी रेल यातायात के कारण अधिकतर बन्द रहता है, जिसके कारण लोगों को बड़ी असुविधा होती है;

(ख) क्या बीकानेर की जनता इस असुविधा से राहत पाने के लिए बहुत दिनों से अभ्यावेदन करती रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAY LINE PASSING THROUGH BIKANER CITY

719. SHRI KUMBHA RAM ARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway level crossings on the Railway line passing through the city of Bikaner remain closed for most of the time on account of heavy Railway traffic causing great inconvenience to the people;

(b) whether the people of Bikaner have long been representing for relief from this inconvenience; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken hy Government in this regard ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा) : (क) जी, नहीं । यद्यपि गाड़ियों के संचलन के लिए समपार फाटकों को बन्द करना पड़ता है फिर भी फाटक ज्यादा देर तक बन्द नहीं रहते । सड़क यातायात को कम से कम समय के लिए रोका जाता है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) बीकानेर स्टेशन के दोनों ओर एक-एक सड़क ऊपरी पुल की व्यवस्था करने का आवश्यक प्रस्ताव 1961 में किया गया था लेकिन स्थानीय लोगों के विरोध के कारण यह योजना आगे नहीं बढ़ सकी और राज्य सरकार के अनुरोध पर प्रस्ताव को अन्तिम रूप से छोड़ना पड़ा ।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No. Although the level crossing gates have to be closed for train movements, the gates do not remain closed for most of the time. The hold-up to the road traffic is kept down to the minimum.

(b) Yes.

(c) Necessary proposal to provide two road over-bridges, one on either side of Bikaner Station, was formulated in 1961, but the schemes could not be progressed further due to opposition from local people; and proposals had to be dropped finally at the request of the State Government.]

CEMENT MANUFACTURE

720. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR): Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cement manufactured in India at present;

(b) the names of the countries to which cement is exported ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) (a) During 1967 the quantity of cement manufactured in India was 11,302.379 tonnes. The production during 1968 is expected to be of the order of 12.6 million tonnes.

(b) Ceylon, Kuwait and Trucial States.

†[ ]English translation.