

(a") whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the National Railway Users Conference or to appoint a separate forum for discussion on matters relating to goods traffic ;

(b) the total amount of revenue from goods traffic during the last three Five Year Plan periods and their share in the total revenue of the Railways; and

(c) to what extent the promotional programme of his Ministry in winning back business lost to road transport and in regaining the present share in total goods traffic, have succeeded?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) The goods earnings during the last three Five Year Plan periods (1951-52 to 1965-66) amounted to Rs. 3937.17 crores and these formed 60.2 per cent of the total gross earnings of the Indian Government Railways.

(c) The Railways have set up a Marketing and Sales Organisation on each zone to look after the promotion and development of traffic. Through the efforts made by this Organisation as well as other steps taken some gains have been recorded in the matter of re-capturing of traffic from the road. Since the Organisation is a recent venture some more time must elapse before an assessment of the extent of true gains realised can be attempted.

'FLYING MAIL' BETWEEN DELHI AND CHANDIGARH

54. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a train service like 'Flying Mail' between Delhi and Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

CURTAILMENT OF TEXTILE PRODUCTION

55. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the South India Millowners' Association's request to All India Cotton Mills Federation to prepare a plan to curtail textile production throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the action the Government propose to take to stop textile mill owners from reducing production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

EXPORT POLICY

56. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has consulted other Ministries for formulating a comprehensive Export Policy; and

(b) if so, when final decision would be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Preliminary consultations have already been made with other Ministries for the formulation of a comprehensive Export Policy Resolution. Further consultations are in the process before finalising the Resolution.

(b) Efforts are being made to finalise the draft as early as possible.

PRODUCTION OF SPECIAL STEEL

57. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Steel Ltd. has geared its machinery to step up production of special steel for which there has been great demand;

(b) if so, the quantity and the value of the special steel produced during the last six months; and

(c) the value of the special steel exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period?