

National Congress and the Swatantra Party, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : On the

basis of the composition of the Birla Group as arrived at by the Monopolies Enquiry Commission, donations paid by the Group Companies to the Indian National Congress, Swatantra Party and individuals for the five year period 1963-64 to 1967-68 work out at about Rs. 41 lakhs detailed below :

(In Rupees)

	Indian National Congress	Swatantra Party	Individuals (All un- identified)
1963-64	1,10,138	Nil	Nil
1964-65	1,41,552	Nil	Nil
1965-66	81,694	Nil	Nil
1966-67	21,27,571	1,30,271	80,000
1967-68	13,64,696	Nil	22,000
TOTAL	38,25,651	1,30,271	1,02,000

The information has been collected from the Balance Sheets of the Group Companies. The composition of the years is based on the Balance Sheets showing the closing date on any day falling between 1st July to 30th June.

DEPUTY MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN KERALA

412. **SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industrial Development and Company Affairs stated in a speech at Quilon, Kerala, on 3rd February, 1969 that "the present political situation in Kerala was not conducive to industrialisation"; and

(b) if so, what are the concrete facts and instances on the basis of which the Deputy Minister made this observation?

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

(b) At the time of the Meeting of the All India Small Scale Industries Board held at Ernakulam in September, 1968, a number of small industrialists brought to the notice of the Deputy Minister the difficulties they were facing due to various strikes

which hampered smooth production. The same difficulties were brought to his notice when he visited Trivandrum in January this year. Besides, the Hindustan Machine Tools at Kalamaserry had labour trouble. The Government of India Production Centre at Ettumanur and Thiruvulla are also having continuous labour trouble with the result that the production is falling.

MANAGING DIRECTOR, M.M.T.C.

413. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) when the present Managing Director of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation joined his post;

(b) for what period he has been out of India after joining the post;

(c) how much foreign exchange has been spent on his tours abroad; and

(d) what orders have been secured as a result of his foreign visits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) 3rd September, 1968.

(b) 54 days.

(c) Rs. 23,175.

(d) Orders for about 7.2 lakh tonnes of manganese ore valued approximately at