

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI \HMED) : (a) to (c) Representations have been received from the Government of Maharashtra for the location of the proposed small car project at Nagpur in that State. The State Government have been informed that their request will be considered along with similar requests from other States, after a decision has been taken to proceed with the small car project.

#### EXPORT YEAR 1969

43. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the coming year 1969 is going to be known as 'Export Year' to be dedicated to export publicity; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) One of the recommendations of the Seminar on Export Publicity held by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, on September 20-21, 1968, was that an intensive campaign should be organized by celebrating 1969 as the "EXPORT YEAR", that all industrial undertakings, small, medium and large scale, should be addressed as part of the campaign and apprised of the challenge and opportunity of exports and that all trade unions should also be closely associated with the campaign in order to educate the workers about the role they would have to play in the nation's export effort. This recommendation is being processed.

(b) Does not arise.

44. [Transferred to the 28th November, 1968.]

#### RESCUE OF TRAINS AND PASSENGERS LEAVING DARJEELING

45. SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that trains left Darjeeling on their downward journeys on the 3rd October, 1968 in spite of warning about the danger of landslides owing to heavy rains; and

(b) the steps the Railway authorities took to rescue the trains and the passengers stranded due to the landslides on the 3rd, 4th and 5th October, 1968?

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

(b) Trains which left Darjeeling on 3rd October 1968 were not affected by landslides. 2D Down passenger which left Darjeeling on 4th October 1968 got stranded between Sonada and Tung due to landslides. Passengers of this train were evacuated by road starting from 8th October 1968 when alternative road links with Siliguri were restored.

#### CONVERSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN PUNJAB INTO BROAD GAUGE

46. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of railway lines which are likely to be converted from metre gauge into broad gauge in Punjab during the Fourth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : No proposal for conversion of M. G. lines into B. G. in Punjab in the Fourth Plan is under consideration.

#### TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

47. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value of goods to be imported from and exported to Pakistan during the current year; and

(b) the items of imports and exports ?

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

(a) and (b) The trade between India and Pakistan is at standstill since 10th September, 1965 and cannot be resumed unless Pakistan lifts the ban on trade with India as has already been done by us. So long as this trade is not resumed, the question of imports from and exports to Pakistan does not arise.