

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा) : (क) रेलवे प्रशासन के पास देशी या विदेशी कोई रेल इंजन बेकार नहीं पड़े हुए हैं। लेकिन 31-8-68 को बड़ी लाइन के 77 और मीटर लाइन के 80 रेल इंजन ठीक हालत में रखे हुए थे ताकि यातायात को देखते हुए यदि आवश्यक हो, तो उनका इस्तेमाल किया जा सके।

(ख) 1966-67 और 1967-68 में 166 डीजल रेल इंजन चलाये गये जब कि 1968-69 और 1969-70 में 265 डीजल रेल इंजन चलाये जाने की आशा है।

t[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No locomotive either imported or of indigenous manufacture is lying idle with the Railway administration. On 31-8-68, 77 B.G. and 80 M.G. locomotives were however kept in good order to meet fluctuations of traffic.

(b) The number of diesel locomotives put into service during the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 was 166 while the number of diesel locomotives expected to be put into service during 1968-69 and 1969-70 will be 265.]

BARTER TRADE AGREEMENTS

13. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries with which India has barter trade agreements ;

(b) whether efforts have been made to enter into similar agreements with other countries to whom India is at present required to pay in foreign exchange for items of import; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c) India has not entered into any barter trade agreement on a country to country basis. Barter trade agreements are usually between firms in India and those outside India through the agency of the STC or MMT. India has entered into bilateral trade agreements with other countries, mainly with countries in Eastern Europe, but these

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cannot be described as barter agreements. It is also not proposed to enter into barter trade agreements with other countries on a country to country basis.

TOTAL LENGTH OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

14. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total length of new Railway lines laid during the last five years (zone-wise) in the country?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : The total length of new Railway lines laid during the last five years (zone-wise) is as follows :—

	Km.
(1) Central Railway	101·98
(2) Eastern Railway	234·59
(3) Northern Railway	164·21
(4) North-Eastern Rly.	12·75
(5) Northeast Frontier Railway	447·55
(6) Southern Railway	147·90
(7) South-Eastern Rly.	141·34
(8) Western Railway	262·52
GRAND TOTAL	1512·84

TRACTOR MANUFACTURE WITH CZECH COLLABORATION

15. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 17 given in Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1968 and state :

(a) the nature of the modified report received from the Czech Agency with regard to manufacture of agricultural tractors ;

(b) in what way, the nature of this report differs from the previous report; and

(c) what are the reasons for not taking a decision on the report ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Reference is invited to