

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) There are eight Central Government factories in the public sector located in Kerala State. Their names are indicated below:

1. Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Alwaye.
2. Hindustan Insecticides Ltd., Alwaye.
3. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Kalamassery. (Machine Tool Factory—IV).
4. Instrumentation Ltd., Palghat.
5. Indian Rare Earths Ltd., Alwaye. (Monazite Factory).
6. Hindustan Latex Ltd., Trivandrum.
7. Cochin Refineries Ltd., Ernakulam.
8. Modern Bakeries (India) Private Ltd., Ernakulam.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SUPPLY OF RAILWAY EQUIPMENT BY STEEL PLANTS

644. SHRI M. D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether our steel plants have not been able to meet the requirements of Railway fully with regard to Railway equipment indented by them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the requirement of the Railways fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) to (c) The main items of Railways' requirements produced in the Steel Plants in the country are rails, crossing sleepers, pressed steel sleepers, fish plates, wheels and axles in addition to various types of bars and structurals items, plates, pig iron, billets and blooms. Railways' requirements for rails, crossing sleepers, fish plates, pig iron, billets, blooms, bars and structurals are being fully met. Requirements for plates are also being met to the extent possible on a priority basis. However, in view of demands of other priority consumers it has not been possible to meet the Railways' requirement of plates fully so far.

The position in regard to availability of plates is expected to improve after the expansion of the Rourkela Steel Plant is completed early next year. As regards wheels and axles, the full requirements were not being met. This is partly due to the fact that while Durgapur Steel Plant is equipped to supply 60 per cent in 20-Tonne Roller-bearing type wheel sets and 40 per cent in 16-Tonne plain bearing type for optimum utilisation, the Railways' requirements now do not conform to this pattern. The Wheel and Axle plant at Durgapur is also having other operational problems such as inadequacy of wheel quality steel, machining capacity, etc. The supply of wheel quality steel is being augmented by converting the 100-tonne furnace to 120-tonne capacity and steps are in hand to instal a 40-tonne electric furnace. Additional balancing equipment like a centreless grinding machine, an axle roughing lathe and wheel rectification lathes have been ordered. Two British experts have also arrived in Durgapur to study the problems connected with improving the quality of steel.

ASSISTANCE TO SEED CRUSHERS ASSOCIATION

645. SHRI S. D. UPADHYAYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any proposal from the M. P. State Industries Corporation Ltd., seeking their assistance in advising the All India Seed Crushers Association to issue necessary certificate for F.O.B. value of cotton seed extraction on the basis of the foreign analysis report or on the basis of satisfactory report of the foreign buyers; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY IN BASTAR

646. SHRI S. D. UPADHYAYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the present position in regard to the establishment of paper and pulp industry in Bastar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): A Project Report has been prepared, which is under consideration of the Government.

MANUFACTURE OF PIG IRON FROM KATNI IRON ORE

647. **SHRI S. D. UPADHYAYA :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state the progress so far made in respect of manufacture of 300,000 tonnes of pig iron from iron ore at Katni?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): Keeping in view the present and prospective availability of pig iron and the anticipated demand by 1970-71, there is no scope at present for licensing any fresh capacity.

DAMAGE TO RAKE OF POONA-BOMBAY JANATA EXPRESS

648. **SHRIMATI TARA RAM-CHANDRA SATHE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 23rd September, 1967, some people damaged the rake of Poona-Bombay Janata Express at Shivaji Nagar, near Poona;

(b) if so, what were the reasons; and

(c) what action was taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b) Yes. On 23-10-1967 and not on 23-9-1967, Poona-Telegaon local train No. T/2 Up carrying mostly factory workers was detained for half an hour at Shivaji Nagar, as Goods train D. 40 Up was detained at Kirkee outer signal due to signal failure. The workers became unruly due to detention of the train. They did not allow the local train to proceed, which only left after a police party escorted the train. The workers got down from the train at KM 188/16 and placed 2 rails and cement slabs on the Up track as a result of which Poona-Bombay Janata Express had to be stopped. The workers then compelled the passengers of Janata Express to get down and thereafter they broke some of the window glass shutters by pelting stones.

(c) Railway Police re-inforcements arrived and controlled the situation. Government Railway Police, Poona registered cases u/s 147, 148, 149, 427 and 337 IPC and 126 and 127 Indian Railways Act. 3 persons have been arrested and police investigation is in progress.

जूतों का निर्यात

649. **श्री रामकुमार भुवालका :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1964 से 1967 के दौरान किन किन देशों को जूतों का निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) उपरोक्त वर्षों के दौरान निर्यात के लिए लघु उद्योगों ने कितने मूल्य के जूते सप्लाई किये ; और

(ग) सरकार ने विदेशों में भारतीय जूतों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

†[EXPORT OF SHOES

649. **SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries to which shoes were exported during the years from 1964 to 1967;

(b) the value of shoes supplied for export by the small scale industries during the year mentioned above; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by Government to meet the increasing demand of Indian shoes abroad?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) कुछ अधिक महत्वपूर्ण देश हैं : सोवियत रूस, सं० रा० अमेरिका, कनाडा, बेल्जियम, नेपाल, सऊदी अरब, कुवत तथा पश्चिमी जर्मनी।

(ख) वाणिज्यिक आसूचना तथा अंक-संकलन के महानिदेशक, कलकत्ता द्वारा लघु उद्योगों के निर्यात के आंकड़े अलग नहीं रखे जाते। किन्तु वर्ष 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66 तथा 1966-67 में

†[] English translation.