

**AMBAGUDA-LANJIGARH RAILWAY LINE**

606. SHRI BIRA KESARI DEO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a feasibility-cum-cost study of a new Railway line from Ambaguda to Lanjigarh Road on the Southern-Eastern Railway have been undertaken;

(b) if so, what is the finding thereof; and

(c) when the work will start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes.

(b) The reports of feasibility-cum-cost study are under examination. However, the report on the traffic prospects of this line shows that the line will not be remunerative.

(c) Does not arise.

**WRIST WATCH FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

607. SHRI V. V. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. has manufactured a kind of wrist watch exclusively for military personnel;

(b) if so, how these watches are being sold;

(c) the number of watches sold in the year 1966; and

(d) the number of watches received so far for repair purposes?

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

(b) To the Defence authorities directly.

(c) During 1966-67 total number of watches of all kinds sold was 2,40,347 out of which 3 were 'Jawan' watches.

(d) During 1966-67, 342 'Jawan' watches were received for repairs.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDO-ITALIAN JOINT COMMISSION**

608. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the recommendations made at the second meeting of the Indo-Italian Joint Commission?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): The recommendations made at the second meeting of the Indo-Italian Joint Commission, which was held in New Delhi from 9th to 20th May, 1967 under the Indo-Italian Trade Agreement, can be divided into three broad heads:—

- (i) Expansion of trade.
- (ii) Industrial collaboration.
- (iii) Italian credits.

*Expansion of trade.*—Under the heading, 'Expansion of trade', the Italian delegation agreed to take all possible steps to increase further the trade exchanges between the two countries. Specifically, they agreed—

- (i) to consider the opening of an office of the Institute of Italian Foreign Trade in Bombay which, among other things, would provide assistance to Indian exporters by supplying large range of information and data relating to Italian market;
- (ii) to provide rent-free space for India's participation in the next Bari Fair to be held in September 1967 and the Milan Fair in 1968;