

PUNISHMENTS AWARDED TO S. MS. AND A. S. MS.

*333. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:
SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters on the Indian Railways, division-wise as on 1st April, 1967;

(b) how many of them were placed under suspension without mentioning reasons in the suspension orders, since 1st April, 1962, division-wise;

(c) how many of them still under suspension; and

(d) how many of them have undergone punishments of withholding of increment^ since 1st April, 1962 division-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

U. N. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN DELHI

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the second U.N. Trade and Development Conference is going to be held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the arrangements so far made by Government for the Conference;

(c) whether any papers have been prepared or are being prepared by the Government and other Indian organisations and individuals for the conference; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the organisational side, arrangements are being made for (i) providing accommodation for the participants in the Conference, (ii) Confer-

ence facilities in Vigyan Bhavan, (iii) providing transport facilities ;md (iv) information and publicity etc.

(c) and(d). A number of expert panels, consisting of economists and others from the Ministries of the Government of India and from Univer-sitiss and other such institutions, have been constituted to prepare studies and position papers on all subjects of interest to India and to developing countries in general, on the basis of the draft provisional agenda for the Conference.

RAILWAY LINE FROM MACHALIPATNAM FORT AREA TO SAND SPIT AREA

*335. SHRI K. P. MALLIKAR-JUNUDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend the Railway line from the Machalipatnam Fort Area to the Sand Spit Area, in order to facilitate the speedy export of iron ore and the import of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): Yes, Sir. Such a proposal has recently been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government in respect of Machalipatnam Port (not Fort).

LOCATION OF FIFTH STEEL PLANT

*336. SHRI G. MURAHARI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 119 in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1966 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken by Government on the location of the fifth steel plant at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons preventing an early decision?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The matter is still under consideration of the Government.

(b) British American Steelworks for India Consortium had considered the suitability of three different regions—

- (i) Bailadila-Visakhapatnam (ii)
Salem-Neyveli (iii) Hospet-Goa

and had come to the conclusion that of these Visakhapatnam offered the best site. The whole question of the need for a fifth steel plant in the Fourth Plan has itself to be reviewed in the context of the expected demand and the availability of resources.

भारत तथा नेपाल की संयुक्त औद्योगिक परिषद्

*337. श्री राजनारायण : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ;

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नेपाल के विकास में सहायता देने के लिये भारत तथा नेपाल संयुक्त औद्योगिक परिषद् की स्थापना करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संगठन की विशेषताएं तथा उसकी कार्य-परिधि क्या है ?

t [JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL

*337. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a joint industrial council of India and Nepal to assist in the development of Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the set-up and the scope of its working?]

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :

(क) तथा (ख) नेपाल सरकार के साथ दिसम्बर, 1966 में काठमांडू में हुई बातचीत में संयुक्त औद्योगिक सहयोग परिषद् बनाने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया गया था तथा यह तय हुआ था कि इतको विचारार्थ सौंपे जाने वाले विषयों का अध्ययन किया जाये। यह भी तय हो गया था कि प्रस्तावित परिषद् की स्थापना यथासम्भव शीघ्र की जायेगी। प्रस्तावित परिषद् को विचारार्थ सौंपे जाने वाले विषयों पर दोनों सरकारों की बातचीत चल रही है।

t[THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE . (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) During the discussions with HMG Nepal held in Kathmandu in December, 1966, the proposal for the formation of Joint Industrial Cooperat Council was discussed and, it v agreed to make a study of its term-reference. It was further agreed that *he proposed Council would be set up as early as possible. The terms of reference of the proposed Council are under discussion of the two Governments.]

RUNNING DUTY HOURS OF LOCO RUNNING STAFF

*338. SHRI T. V. AN AND AN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals to revise the running duty hours of Loco Running Staff are being finalised;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) when the new duty hours will be enforced?

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

(c) Instructions are already in force to ensure that running duty of Loco

I Running staff generally remains withiit

t[J English translation.