

stainless steel to the manufacturers of stainless steel utensils and other commodities; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above "be in the negative, whether such a proposal is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHENNA REDDY): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration of the Government.

#### **PRODUCTION OF VESSELS FOR RIVER TRAFFIC**

\*86. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to confine production of small vessels for river traffic to the private sector;

(b) if so, what is the total requirement of such vessels during the Fourth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) what is the distribution of the production for different companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) While no formal decision on the lines mentioned has been taken, in terms of Government of India's Industrial Policy Resolution dated 30th April, 1956, manufacture of small vessels for river traffic is to be developed ordinarily in the private sector;

(b) and (c). The total requirement of these vessels during the Fourth Five Year Plan has not been assessed and accordingly no target has been fixed. This is essentially a jobbing industry and manufacture is undertaken against specific orders. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the distribution of the anticipated production of these vessels among the different manufacturing units.

#### **DELHI RING RAILWAY**

37. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the Ring Railway Project in Delhi; and

(b) when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b). The sanctioned project is called "Delhi Avoiding Lines and Connected Traffic Facilities". The overall up-to-date physical progress of this project is 51-25 per cent. The project is expected to be completed by the end of December, 1968.

#### **SUBURBAN SERVICE BETWEEN MADRAS BEACH AND TAMBARAM**

38. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to introduce all-night service in the suburban service between Madras Beach and Tambaram on the Southern Railway, is under Government's consideration; and

(b) whether the number of the present services will be increased during peak hours?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No. The time during nights is required for essential maintenance of overhead traction equipment.

(b) Yes. The capacity of trains has already been increased by about 50 per cent, as a result of conversion from DC to AC. It is also proposed to further increase the services with the availability of more electrical multiple unit coaches now under construction.