

been suspended thereby rendering the workers idle; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to expedite the work?]

इस्पात, खान और धातु मंत्री (डॉ० एम० चन्ना रेड्डी): (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

#### EXPORT OF TEA TO U.K.

\*187. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starr-ed Question No. 625 in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1966 and state:

(a) the total quantity of tea exported to United Kingdom during the year 1966-67;

(b) whether there has been a shortfall in export of tea to that country; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) During the first eleven months of 1966-67, India's exports of tea to U.K. stand tentatively at 96.3 million kilograms as against her export of 98.4 million kilograms during the corresponding period of 1965-66. The shortfall is 2.1 million kgs.

(c) In 1966 U.K. imported about 234 million kgs. of tea as against 254 million kilograms in 1965. Her purchases from the African countries in 1966 were also higher than those in 1965. Consequently there is a fall in the share of India in the U.K. market.

†[ ] English translation.

#### RAILWAYS IN PUNJAB DURING FOURTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

\*188. SHRI NARINDER SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Punjab which are to be covered by Railways during the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Government of Punjab has forwarded any scheme in this connection to the Government of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) The proposals for construction of new railway lines during the Fourth Plan have not yet been finalised.

(b) and (c) The following new lines have been proposed by the State Government of Punjab for construction in the Fourth Plan:—

1. Chandigarh-Ludhiana (BG, 84 KMs.)
2. Nangal-Talwara (BG, 90 KMs)
3. Gohana-Panipat (Restoration) (BG, 39 KMs.)

#### MERGER OF MINING AND ALLIED MACHINERY CORPORATION, DURGAPUR, WITH H. E. C. RANCHI.

\*189. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of the USSR has proposed that the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation of Durgapur should be merged with the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this merger?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) During the