

press train running between Manmad and Kachiguda via Aurangabad and Nanded is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Adequate catering facilities through static establishments have been provided on this section.

UTILISATION OF STEEL QUOTAS

*218. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Iron and Steel Controller carries out any periodic survey to find out whether the steel quotas given to the industrialists are being used properly;

(b) if so, when the last survey was conducted; and

(c) in how many cases the industrialists were found to be not using the quotas properly?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

IMPORTS OF GRAPHITE

*219. SHRI S. SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of graphite imported last year and the value thereof; and

(b) the total quantity of graphite mined in India in the corresponding years?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY): (a) 13,574 tonnes of graphite valued at

Rs. 27,31,000 was imported during the period April 1965 to March 1966. The figures for the calendar year are not available.

(b) 17,127 tonnes of graphite was mined in India during January 1965 to December 1965.

सस्ते ट्रांजिस्टरों का निर्माण

220. श्री राजनारयण क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय लघु उद्योग मंडल तथा भारत सरकार के बीच सस्ते ट्रांजिस्टर सेटों के निर्माण के संबंध में जो बातचीत चल रही थी, वह विफल हो गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बातचीत के विफल होने के बाद सरकार जनता को सस्ते ट्रांजिस्टर सेट उपलब्ध कराने के लिये क्या योजना बना रही है ?

†[MANUFACTURE OF CHEAP TRANSISTORS

*220. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the negotiations regarding the manufacture of cheap transistor sets between the Indian Small Scale Industries Board and the Government of India have failed; and

(b) if so, what scheme Government are formulating for making cheap transistor sets available to the people after the failure of these negotiations?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री डी० संजीवैया) :

(क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। लघु उद्योग

†[] English translation.

संघ के साथ अभी बातचीत चल रही है। इस संघ ने हाल ही में भारतीय मानक संस्था के विशिष्ट विवरण वाला एक माडल तैयार करना मंजूर कर लिया है। इस माडल के स्वीकृत किये जाने पर ही अंतिम निर्णय किया जा सकेगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Negotiations are still continuing with the Federation of Association of Small Industries. This Association have recently agreed to produce shortly a model meeting I.S.I. specifications. A final decision will be taken soon after this model is approved.]

EXPANSION OF TIRUPATI RAILWAY STATION

*221. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average number of passengers who arrived at Tirupati Railway station daily from the 1st January, 1966 to the 31st August, 1966; and

(b) whether any proposal to expand the Railway station at Tirupati is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) The average number of passengers who arrived daily at Tirupati East station during the months of January to August, 1966 is 3,000.

(b) No, Sir.

†[] English translation.

PRODUCTION AT H.M.T. FACTORY, PINJORE

*222. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no proper arrangements for production at the H.M.T. unit located at Pinjore; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*224. [Withdrawn.]

RAILWAY LINE JOINING PARADEEP PORT WITH MINING AREAS OF ORISSA

*225. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of having a Railway line joining Paradeep Port in Orissa with the mining areas of Cuttack and Kunjhar districts of Orissa, for transportation of iron ore has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the estimate of this project; and

(c) whether both the Transport Ministry and Planning Commission had expressed their opinion in favour of inclusion of this Railway project in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) to (c) An Express highway for transport of iron