

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the Prime Minister in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No, the matter is still under examination.

(b) Instructions have already been issued to the Railways to ensure that every suitable employee becoming surplus from the steam side is trained and absorbed on the Diesel/Electric traction and to keep the aspect of likely surplus staff on the steam side in view while planning staff requirements.

(c) No.

RELEASE OF CARGO SEIZED BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN

8. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the procedural details regarding the release of Cargo seized by India and Pakistan respectively have been finalised; and

(b) if so, when the release will be effected ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) The matter is still under negotiation.

(b) However, as a gesture of goodwill, we have released certain consignments which were found to be owned by neutral countries or were sent under A.I.D. programmes.

APPROVAL OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR BOKARO STEEL PLANT

9. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the Detailed Project Report for the Bokaro Steel Plant prepared by the Russian experts; and

(b) whether orders for the machinery have also been placed ?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH) : Yes, Sir. The Detailed Project has been accepted with certain modifications which have been agreed upon by the Soviet side.

(b) The contract for import of equipment and materials from the USSR has been concluded. Orders for the balance have yet to be finalized.

FIFTH STEEL PLANT AT VISAKHAPATNAM

10. { SHRI RAM SINGH :
SHRI G. MURAHARI :

Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Prime Minister on the question of locating the fifth Steel Plant at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, whether Government have arrived at any decision about the location of the plant ?

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

MANUFACTURE OF SMALL CAR

11. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has since been taken by Government regarding the manufacture of Small Cars; and;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RAISING OF RENT OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BUILDINGS IN KERALA

12. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala State Small Industries Corporation Ltd. has recently raised the rent of Industrial Estate buildings at Ollur by 84 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;