

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps that are being taken to restore the supply of wagons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

SHRI ASHOKA MEHTA'S STATEMENT ON MANUFACTURE OF SMALL CAR

*71 SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by Shri Ashoka Mehta, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, which appeared in *The Hindustan Times* dated 28th December, 1965 to the effect that small car project should come last on the present list of priorities, and

(b) if so, what is the decision of the Government with regard to manufacture of the small car?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D SANJIVAYYA). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The question of setting up a project for the manufacture of small cars is still under consideration

REDUCTION IN IRON AND STEEL QUOTA TO MADHYA PRADESH

75 THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether allotment of iron and steel to Madhya Pradesh under Small Scale Industries quota has been reduced during the period 1964-65 as compared to previous quota, and

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D SANJIVAYYA). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The quota of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1964-65 had to be reduced as the overall allocation of steel under the Small Scale Industries quota for 1964-65 was much less than that for 1963-64

रेल दुर्घटनाओं में या रेलगाड़ियों से गिरने से मरने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या

*77 श्रीमती सरला भदौरिया क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) 1964 और 1965 में सारे देश में रेल दुर्घटनाओं में या चलती हुई रेलगाड़ियों से गिरने से कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई, और

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं में मरने वाले व्यक्तियों में से कितने व्यक्तियों के सम्बन्ध में रेलवे द्वारा मुआवजा दिया गया ?

†[NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS OR DUE TO FALL FROM TRAINS

*77 SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAURIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons who died as a result of Railway accidents or due to fall from running trains throughout the country in 1964 and in 1965; and

(b) the number of persons out of those who died as a result of these accidents in respect of whom compensation was given by the Railways?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री शाम नाथ)

(क) 1964 में, भारत की सरकारी रेलों पर, गाड़ी दुर्घटनाओं में 250 और चलती गाड़ियों से गिरने या कूटने के कारण 261

+ [] English translation.

व्यक्ति मरे थे। 1965 में इस तरह मरने वालों की संख्या क्रमशः 79 और 269 रहो।

(ख) 31-12-65 तक 214 व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा दिया गया है।

*[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) During the year 1964, 250 persons died as a result of train accidents and 261 on account of falling from or jumping out of running trains on the Indian Government Railways. The number of such casualties during 1965 was 79 and 26] respectively.

(b) Up to 31-12-65, compensation has been given to 214 persons.]

CASTING STEEL PLANT IN MADRAS

*78. SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a casting steel plant with foreign collaboration is proposed to be set up in Madras by the Government of Madras; and

(b) if so, who are the collaborators?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. At Arkonam in Madras State.

(b) The State Government have submitted collaboration proposals with M/s. Stankoimport of the U.S.S.R. which are under consideration.

THREATENED CLOSURE OF NON-FERROUS INDUSTRIAL UNITS DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIALS

*79. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in "The Statesman" dated the 5th January, 1966 to the effect that many of the small-scale non-ferrous industrial units which employed about 200,000

people, are faced with a threat of closure;

(b) if so, what is the actual position in this respect,

(c) whether the Government of West Bengal have submitted a note to the Government of India drawing attention to the disappointing prospects for freezing imports of all non-ferrous raw materials after November 1965;

(d) whether less allocation than what was previously made, has been made for West Bengal though about 80 per cent. of the industry is concentrated in West Bengal; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to the non-availability of foreign exchange allocation for import of non-ferrous metals for small scale industries for 1965-66 and the freezing of past allocations of copper, zinc, lead and tin which remained unutilized till 30-10-1965 under the Scarce Industrial Materials (Contra) Order, 1965, small scale industrial units based on these metals have been facing difficulties. However, as a measure of interim relief 50 per cent. of the October '64—March '65 allocations of copper, zinc, lead and tin have been allotted to the State Directors of Industries, including the Director of Industries, West Bengal, for consumption of small scale units for the months of November '65 April, 1966.

(c) No such note has been received in the Ministry of Industry.

(d) Initially, Statewise allocations of non-ferrous metals were decided on the basis of demands received from