

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री डी० संजीवैया) : (क)
जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यात्री कार उद्योग को दी गई अपेक्षाकृत कम प्राथमिकता तथा सीमित उपलब्ध साधनों को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार को छोटी कार बनाने की परियोजना का कार्य और आगे बढ़ाया जाए या नहीं, इस बारे में गम्भीरतापूर्वक विचार करना पड़ेगा क्योंकि इसमें रुपये और विदेशी मुद्रा में अत्यधिक पूर्जी लगेगी ।

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

(b) In view of the relatively low priority assigned to the passenger car industry and limited availability of resources, Government have to consider carefully whether or not to proceed with a project for the manufacture of the small car involving heavy investment in capital, rupee and foreign exchange.]

BHAVNAGAR-TARAPUR RAILWAY LINE

113. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress so far made in respect of Engineering and Traffic Survey work of the Bhavnagar-Tarapur Railway line ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : The progress achieved on the field work of the survey, up to the end of June, 1966, is 20 per cent.

MANUFACTURE OF SMALL CAR BY KERALA ENGINEER

114. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an automobile engineer from Kerala has manufactured a small car entirely with indigenous material ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : An automobile engineer in Kerala has produced a car by utilising components some of which were purchased locally from various shops and others manufactured by himself. It

is not known whether all the locally purchased components are indigenous. It is, therefore, difficult to assert that the car has been made entirely with indigenous materials.

MACHINERY FOR COAL INDUSTRY

115. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state the allocation of foreign exchange in the last two years of the Third Five Year Plan and first two years of the Fourth Five Year Plan to the coal industry in the private sector for import of spare parts for machinery already imported to ensure that this machinery does not remain idle ?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : The foreign exchange requirement of the coal industry in the private sector for the import of spares during the last two years of the Third Five Year Plan was met out of the foreign exchange loan obtained in 1961 by the Government from the World Bank. No separate foreign exchange allocations as part of the periodical budgetary allocations during 1964-65 and 1965-66 in favour of the private sector coal industry were made except for an allocation of Rs. 50,000 for the period October, 1965 to March, 1966. No such allocation has been made for 1966-67 and 1967-68. The requirements for spares etc. of the private sector coal industry are considered on merits in each case.

SHORTAGE OF TANK WAGONS

116. SHRI ABDUL GHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tank wagons were recently used for carrying water in Rajasthan when there were drought and famine conditions; and

(b) whether there was a great shortage of tank wagons during the same period, if so, to what extent the movement of oil was affected by this shortage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (a) and (b) 99 Metre Gauge tank wagons from the petroleum fleet based at the Kandla Port were utilised for carrying water to drought affected