

cated at the time of the mid-term, appraised occurring in the early part of the Fourth Plan, rail transport facilities for such traffic would be slightly ahead of actual need in 1965-66.

5. The rail transport plan for the Fourth Five Year Plan is also to provide for further expansion of the three existing public sector steel plants in addition to the steel at Bokaro. But the details have still to be finalised. Provision for a 5th public sector steel plant will be made only after its location and other details concerning sources and manner of transport of raw materials have been decided upon.

DECLINE IN EXPORT OF COTTON TEXTILES

*51. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of cotton textiles has registered a decline recently; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) The exports of cotton textiles had registered a decline earlier in the year. But the shortfall has been almost made up; and the exports are now almost at the same level as during the corresponding period (January to September) of last year.

PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

*52. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India is considering to participate in the proposed Asian Development Bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details will be determined at the Second Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Cooperation scheduled to be held at Manila from 29th November to 1st December, 1965.

ALLOTMENT OF FIAT CARS

♦53. TARA RAM CHANDRA SATHE
SHRIMATI LALITA
(RAJGOPALAN)

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state the number of persons on the waiting list for the allotment of Fiat cars?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISHRA): 14,716 applications were on the waiting list of 31st October, 1965 for allotment of Fiat cars from the Central Government quota.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CROSSING GOODS TRAFFIC ACROSS GANGES IN N. RAILWAYS.

*54. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether by the opening of broad gauge Assam link line from Siliguri to Jogigopa on North-East Frontier Railway, to goods traffic, greater goods traffic to the extent of 1,000 wagons per day, would be running on this line and whether Farakka-Khajuriaghat Ferry will be capable of bearing the burden of carrying such large scale traffic; and

(b) if not, what alternative arrangement of crossing the traffic over the Ganges is contemplated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) The capacity of the Farakka-Khajuriaghat ferry has