

that there would be increased investment in Indian industries; and

(c) the broad outlines of the outcome of the Mission's visit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) to (c) The Mission discussed with Government representatives only matters of general interest relating to foreign private investment. They were mainly interested in making individual private contracts with investors and industrialists in India for exploring investment possibilities in India. Government have not so far received any concrete proposals arising out of the Mission's visit.

†ELIMINATION OF PROCEDURAL DELAYS

42. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently asked the Secretaries of the various Economic Ministries to adopt measures to eliminate procedural delays; and

(b) if so, what has so far been done to streamline the administrative machinery and improve its efficiency as a result of these instructions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) and (b) As directed by the Prime Minister, a Committee of Secretaries is making a detailed study of measures to eliminate procedural delays in matters relating to industrial production and development.

RING RAILWAY IN DELHI

343. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of ring railway in Delhi;

(b) the route of the railway; and

(c) the amount to be spent on this railway, and when it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) The sanctioned project is known as "Delhi Avoiding Lines and Connected Traffic Facilities." The overall physical progress so far achieved is 37.75 per cent.

(b) The route covers a rail link connecting Delhi-Mathura Line with Nizamuddin-Safdarjang Line, extension of this line beyond Safdarjang station so as to connect with Delhi-Bhatinda Line, and a rail link between Delhi-Bhatinda Line and Delhi Ambala Line.

(c) The now estimated cost of this scheme is Rs. 6.25 crores. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 1967.

INCENTIVES TO COTTON MILL INDUSTRY

344. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile interests in the country have asked the Government for some incentives to the cotton mill industry by including the cotton mills in the list of industries to which a rebate of 10 per cent in income-tax is available; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The industry made a representation to the Ministry of Finance.

(b) The request has not been acceded to.