

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the Final Act and Protocol incorporating the New Chapter in the GATT is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix U, Annexure No. 18].

(b) The principles and requirements of the New Chapter when implemented will lead to lowering of tariffs and other restrictions on imports from India and other developing countries into the markets of developed countries.

FILLING OF POSTS CREATED FOR KUMBH MELA IN 1965

*290. SHRI A. C. GILBERT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts in grade (A) Rs. 335-425 and grade (B) Rs. 210—380, created on the Commercial side for the Kumbh Mela in 1965 in the Allahabad Division;

(b) whether it is a fact that the posts were filled without holding any selection in re-peat of grade (A) and without observing the condition of seniority-cwn-suitability in case of posts in grade (B); and

(c) the number of senior persons available locally who were ignored in the above mentioned grades separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) :

(a) (A) Grade Rs. 335-425 .. Nil. (B) Grade Rs. 210-380 .. One.

(b) (A) Does not arise. (B) Yes, Sir.

(c) Twelve in the case of (B).

PRODUCTION AT DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

*291. Miss MARY NAIDU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production at the Durgapur Steel Plant has reached its rated capacity; and

(b) what is the present production ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) Production at the Durgapur Steel Plant has reached the rated capacity in all units except the wheel and axle plant.

(b) A statement showing the production during January 1965 is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

	Production in tonnes	Percentage of rated capacity
Coke	122,734	111%
Hot Metal	111,421	104%
Steel Ingots	94,068	111%
Finished Steel—		
(i) Sleepers	7,245	142%
(ii) Sections (including Billets)	18,253	107%
(iii) Merchant Products	18,563	91%
(iv) Wheel sets Assembled	3,067	64%