

investment in India and to assist foreign industrialists on all matters connected with the inflow of foreign capital and techniques. For the same purpose the Ministry of Industry & Supply have recently appointed a Special Officer to serve as a focal point for all enquiries regarding foreign investment.

(b) Yes, Sir.

**IMPORT OF FOUNDRY GRADE PIG IRON
FROM SOVIET UNION**

189. **SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with the Soviet Union for import of foundry grade pig iron;

(b) if so, the quantity to be imported and whether it is to be imported in one lot; and

(c) what will be the mode of payment?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A contract has been entered into under the Indo-U.S.S.R. Trade Plan for 1964 for the import of 100,000 tons of Pig Iron in instalments by the end of 1964. Payment will be made in Indian rupees.

**DISMANTLING OF MORVI-TANKARA AND
MORVI-AMRAN ROAD NARROW GAUGE
TRACKS**

190. { **SHRI DAHYABHAI V.
PATEL:**
SHRI J. H. JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Western Railway are planning to dismantle the Morvi-Tankara and Morvi-Amran Road narrow gauge railway tracks;

(b) if so, whether the volume of traffic on these lines has been ascertained;

(c) whether Government received any representation to the effect to either continue the existing narrow gauge tracks or to install metre gauge tracks; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken on the representation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) and (b) A decision to close these two narrow gauge lines from 1st April 1965 was taken in September, 1963 in consultation with the State Government, as the traffic offering was not enough to justify the retention of these two narrow gauge sections.

(c) Representations have been received for their retention and also for their conversion to metre gauge.

(d) The entire issue is being re-examined.

**RAILWAY STATION AT GOVINDPUR ON
GORAKHPUR-VARANASI LINE**

191. **SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for construction of a railway station at Govindpur on the Gorakhpur-Varanasi line of North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal for a train halt was examined and could not be accepted for want of adequate justification.