

stepped up to 1,900 kilometres per annum; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, rail joints over an aggregate of about 2300 kilometres of track were welded during 1963-64.

(b) Does no! arise.

#### COAL SEAM

434. SHRI P. K. KUMAR AN: Will the Mi of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existence of a six feet good coal seam has been discovered at Athakannu and Mamakannu villages in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh about 22 from the present working of Andrews Incline No. 21;

(b) if so, detailed prospecting of this area is expected to be undertaken; and

(c) whether the work will be carried out by Indian Bureau of Mines or by Messrs Singareni Collieries Company?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) Ten bore holes were put fay the Singareni Collieries Company Limited between 1912 and 1915 in the above mentioned areas and no coal seam of workable thickness and of quality was found.

(fa) The Singareni Collieries Company Limited have no programme for detailed prospecting in the area in the near future.

(c) The Singareni Collieries Company Limited hold the lease for this area. If and when it is decided to

do the prospecting, the Company may take it themselves.

#### COAL MINING MACHINERY PLANT WITH POLISH COLLABORATION

SHRI P. K. KUMAR AN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the party who has been entrusted with the submission of project report in respect of the setting up of a coal mining machinery plant with Polish Collaboration; and

(b) when the report is liki ly to be received?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY ENGINEERING IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) No party has yet been entrusted with preparation Project Report. The scope for a second Coal Mining Mac plant is still under consideration.

#### U.S. LOAN FOR CAR INDUSTRY

436. SHRI SITARAM JAIPUR I A. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Government have recently sanctioned loans to the Indian Government and certain private firms for the development and expansion of car industry; and

(b) if so, the amount of loan given to each and the conditions thereof?

Tire MINISTER or HEAVY ENGINEERING IN THE MINISTRY or INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) and (fa) The U.S. Government have not sanctioned any loans recently to the Indian Government and private firms for the development and expansion of car industry.

The following two credits have, however, recently faeen authorised by the Agency for International Deve-