

STATEMENT

(a) Pudussery in Palaghat Area has been selected as the site for the Precision Instrument Factory in Kerala. The State Government have agreed to make available 600 acres of land for the purpose free of all costs and charges. A company by the name of Instrumentation Ltd., has been registered in Kotah, Rajasthan, for the implementation of these two projects at Kotah and Kerala. The contract for the preparation of the detailed project report and working drawings for the establishment of the mechanical instrument plant in Palghat with M/s. Prommashexport, Moscow has been signed on the 10th January, 1964. The detailed project report is expected to be received early in 1965.

(b) No separate accounts are maintained for the expenditure on the Kerala Project. A sum of Rs. 7.86 lakhs has been incurred up to 31st March, 1964 towards the establishment of the precision instruments project at Kotah and Kerala.

DECISION TO CONNECT JAIPUR WITH BROAD GAUGE LINE

*254. { SHRI SUNDAR MANI
PATEL;
SHRI DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government decided some time back to connect Jaipur with broad gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TRANSFERS OF OFFICERS AFTER EVERY THREE YEARS

*255. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have decided that, in order to end corruption, officers working in Imports and Exports Department, as well as in other Departments of his Ministry, be transferred after every three years of posting at a place?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): The Committee on Prevention of Corruption have recommended that as a rule no person should be allowed to remain for more than three years in an office dealing with trade and industry. The Government have accepted this recommendation in principle. Even now periodic transfers of officers are effected subject to administrative feasibility.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF SLEEPERS

*256. SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenders for the supply of 400,000 wooden sleepers were invited from the United Kingdom and the United States of America, Australia, Canada, Burma, the Philippines, Malaysia and other foreign countries; and

(b) if so, what is the approximate cost of the sleepers quoted by the said countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Global tenders were invited for the import and supply of 2 lakh Broad Gauge, 1 lakh Metre Gauge and 6.50 lakh cubic feet special size wooden sleepers of durable species.

(b) The tenders are under consideration.