

में सुरक्षा के प्रति जागरूकता पैदा करने और कड़ाई से नियमों का पालन करने का महत्व समझाने के लिए एक विशेष अभियान चलाया गया है।

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

(b) The accident was due to 'failure of Railway staff'.

The cost of damage to railway property was assessed at approximately Rs. 15,530.

Necessary disciplinary action against the staff at fault has been initiated and a special drive has been launched to inculcate safety consciousness and the importance of rigid observance of rules amongst the staff.]

ESTABLISHMENT OF CARBONISATION PLANT BY MESSRS. SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY

*394. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Messrs. Singareni Collieries Company have been permitted to establish a low temperature carbonisation plant at Kothagudium;

(b) if so, what is the capacity of the plant;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange required for the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. are formulating proposals for the setting up of a low temperature carbonisation plant at Kothagudium in Andhra Pradesh during the IV Plan. The project report in respect of the above project is under preparation. A final decision will be taken after the project report is ready and the economics of the project have been worked out.

‡[] English translation.

(b) 450 tonnes of coal input per day.

(c) About Rupees 193 lakhs.

(d) About Rupees 39 lakhs

VISIT OF AMERICAN TEAM FOR CONSORTIUM OF STEEL MAKERS

*395. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether a team of private company experts from the United States of America are visiting India to study investment opportunities for a consortium of steel makers?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): An Anglo-American Consortium of manufacturers has shown interest in assisting in the construction of the fifth steelworks in the public sector. Some members of the Consortium are expected to visit India shortly.

EXPORT TARGET OF TEA

*396. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Tea Board, remarked in the last Annual Meeting of the Tea Association of India held at India Exchange, Calcutta, that the target of production and export of tea under Third Five Year Plan would be difficult to achieve because of decreased production during the past few years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): Yes, Sir.

*397. [Withdrawn].

CEMENT FACTORIES IN CUDDAPPAH DISTRICT (A.P.)

*398. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cement factories, which were set up and started working in Cuddappah District in Andhra

Pradesh during the past ten years; and

(b) if none have been started as yet, whether Government have found out the reasons for the enormous delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) None, Sir.

(b) Two licences for cement units in Cuddapah District were issued and one application for licence is now under consideration. Some applications were rejected either on grounds of inadequate transport facilities or because the applicants proposed the setting up of vertical shaft kilns.

Of the two licences issued, one was surrendered on the ground that the licensee was engaged in implementing other cement schemes in the country. The second scheme has not made much progress and the licence may have to be revoked.

CONDUCTOR GUARDS IN BILASPUR-INDORE EXPRESS TRAINS

***399. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for Conductor Guards in Bilaspur-Indore express trains between Jabalpur and Bhopal on the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, when it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

STRIKE BY AMERICAN EXPERTS AT DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

***400. SHRI ARJUN ARORA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether American experts at the Diesel Locomotive Works at Manduadih in Varanasi District resorted to strike in August this year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. They had however stayed away from work on 10th August, 1964 following interrogation by Customs authorities.

REVISED PRODUCTION TARGET OF COAL

***401. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest revised grade-wise and fieldwise targets of production of coal during the Third Plan; and

(b) the reasons for several changes made in the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY):

(a) Against the Third Plan target of coal production which was originally fixed at 97 million tons (98.5 million tonnes) the expectation now is that the total production, commensurate with the actual demand, will be about 74.5 million tonnes. A statement is separately laid on the Table of the House giving the latest assessment about expected grade-wise and field-wise production by 1965-66.

(b) The reason for the revision of the production schedule is the general fall in the demand for coal.