

(b) All these cases have been enquired into but disciplinary action against some of the staff held responsible for these accidents has not been finalised so far.

REPRESENTATION OF CASUAL LABOURERS
WORKING UNDER H.T.X.R. AND LOCO
FOREMAN AT LUCKNOW

320. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the casual labourers formerly working under H.T.X.R. and Loco Foreman at Lucknow, have represented to Government that a permanent machinery be set up to look after their grievances in respect of maintenance of casual labour registers, payments of their wages and formation of their panels; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Permanent machinery is not considered necessary as administrative instructions already in force are adequate.

PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM FROM
BAUXITE DEPOSITS OF GUJARAT

321. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a factory for production of aluminium from bauxite deposits of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the proposed site for the factory?

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

(b) The matter is under consideration.

SUPPLY OF RAW JUTE

322. SHRI SITA RAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Textiles Consultative Board at its meeting held in the third week of October has reviewed the supply position of raw jute to maintain production and export at the maximum level;

(b) if so, the details of the review;

(c) what are the requirements of the fibre during the current season and what is the estimated production to meet the requirement; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the gap?

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

(b) and (c) In view of the wide fluctuation in the production of raw jute in the last five years, the Board at its last meeting has recommended that maximum attention should be given to increase the production of raw jute. The total current requirements of the industry are estimated at about 84 lakh bales, as against the current season's estimated production of 70 lakh bales.

(d) Government have authorised the import of 10 lakh bales out of which 8.5 lakh bales have been negotiated for purchase from Thailand. Additional imports will be allowed if and when found essential.

EXPORT DRIVE BY H.M.T. LTD.

323. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools has recently launched an impressive export drive; and

(b) the names of the countries where the drive would be launched?