

drastic cut in the foreign exchange allocation for import of wool and wool tops. In addition, the price of raw wool has also registered some increase.

(c) To enable the consumers to obtain supplies of woollen items at reasonable prices, arrangements have been made for the supply of woollen fabrics and knitting wool to consumer co-operative stores and fair-price shops approved by State Governments. Under this arrangement, the woollen industry has agreed to earmark Rs. 25 lacs worth of woollen fabrics and Rs. 5 lacs worth of knitting wool to the consumer co-operative stores and fair price shops. Besides, the industry is also being encouraged to utilise larger quantities of indigenous wool with a view to increasing overall production of woollen goods.

Aluminium Project at Korba

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Chandak:
Shri Bakliwal:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaiya:

*104. { Shri Wadiwa:
Shri Surya Prasad:
Shri R. S. Tiwary:
Shri J. P. Jyotishi:
Shri Ulkey:
Shri Oza:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up an integrated aluminium plant in Korba (Madhya Pradesh) with Hungarian collaboration has been finalised;

(b) whether a preliminary report has been submitted by the Hungarian team; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the report?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The setting up of an integrated aluminium plant at Korba (M.P.) has been under consideration for some time. The intention is that technical collaboration with the Hungarians should be availed of for the implementation of the project upto the alumina stage with an installed capacity of 1,20,000 tonnes per annum of alumina. As a first step, the Hungarians have been commissioned to submit a detailed project report for the alumina plant. The contract for this purpose was signed on 17th November, 1964. Possibilities of securing technical collaboration for the setting up of an aluminium smelter and fabrication facilities are being explored.

(b) and (c). No. According to the terms of the contract the Hungarians will submit a detailed project report containing a reliable economic assessment of the project within 10 months from the coming into force of the contract, and the final project report within 18 months of the coming into force of the contract.

Steel Plant with Salem Ore

*105. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sezhiyan:
Shri R. Ramanathan
Chettiar:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the setting up of a steel plant based on Salem iron ore and Neyveli lignite; and

(b) if so, the particulars regarding location, capacity and capital outlay of the project?

The Minister of Steel and Mines
(Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee

177. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of members nominated by the Southern Railway on the Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee;

(b) the number of Members of Parliament and State Legislatures on the Committee;

(c) the method adopted in nominating the members;

(d) whether any member belonging to the opposition parties has been nominated to the Committee; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The members on the Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committees are nominated by the Minister for Railways. There are fifty-five members on the present Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee, Southern Railway.

(b) There are four Members of Parliament and five Members of the State Legislatures one from each State as provided for in the constitution of the Committee, on the present Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee, Southern Railway.

(c) The nominations of Members of Parliament and Members of State Legislatures are made on the recommendations of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and State Governments concerned respectively.

(d) Yes.

(e) Does not arise.

Export of Bananas

178. { Shri Pottekkatt:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Banana and Fruit Development Corporation has been constituted jointly by the four southern States to export bananas;

(b) when the Corporation will commence business operation; and

(c) the varieties of bananas likely to be exported?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is expected to commence business operation shortly.

(c) Poovan and Basrai varieties.

बख्तियारपुर पर रेलवे पुल

179. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री 18 सितम्बर, 1964 के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 816 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्व रेलवे में बख्तियारपुर में जो रेलवे पुल बनने वाला था उसका काम शुरू हुआ है या नहीं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) पुल कब तक बन कर तैयार हो सकेगा ?

रेलवे मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री शामनाथ) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) बख्तियारपुर में एक ऊपरी सड़क-पुल बनाने की योजना के सम्बन्ध में अभी बिहार सरकार की स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है ।