

in place of brass and zinc for the manufacture of utensils and for other industrial purposes; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). Some thick bottomed aluminium utensils of modern design, capable of withstanding the severe cooking conditions obtaining in the country, particularly with regard to spiced food, have been produced. To promote the ultimate production of flow-turning lathes required for the manufacture of such thick-bottomed utensils, steps are also being taken with the assistance of the Small Industries Service Institute, Ludhiana, and the Machine Tool Design Institute, Bangalore, to prepare a prototype design of the lathe.

As regards substitution of aluminium for other metals in other industries, such substitution has been effected to a considerable extent in the following industries:—

1. High and low tension over-head lines.
2. Underground and VIR and PVC cables, bare copper conductors.

Aluminisation of ACSR core wire and buckets and other hardware items is also being explored.

Railway Development in the Eastern Regions

***652. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have urged upon the Central Government to prepare a Master Plan for Railway Development in the extreme Eastern regions of India, which will serve its needs for the next few decades, and have also urged for the extension of the Railway-line up to NEFA; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the plan suggested by the Assam Gov-

ernment and Government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) and (b). No specific request, as such, for a Master Plan for railway development in Assam, has been received from the State Government. However, the Government of Assam have been making several representations from time to time for several new lines in that region. In particular they have been urging on the extension of the new BG line from Siliguri to Jogighopa upto Gauhati. The views of the Assam Government have been taken due note of and will receive due attentions at the time of finalisation of the Railway Fourth Plan schemes. Recently Planning Commission have set up a Team for Transport Survey for Assam and the entire Eastern Region to assess the transport needs of the area.

Manufacture of Small Car

***653. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 559 on the 10th September, 1965 and state:

- (a) whether the Renault, the French Motor Corporation has submitted its revised project report for the manufacture of small car in India;
- (b) if so, whether the report has been considered by Government; and
- (c) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is being examined.

Export of Jewellery

1756. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jewellers in the country and especially Jaipur jewellers are concerned at the continuing uncertainty of the export promotion