

**Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**  
**Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

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

(a) whether the report of the Japanese Consulting Institute regarding setting up of the steel plant at Salem has been received by Government; and

(b) if so, the recommendations contained therein and the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report considers that it is possible to set up a small steelworks based on Kanjamalai iron ore and Neyveli lignite char. The recommendations are at present under examination.

#### Public Sector Undertakings

\*1437. **Shri R. Barua:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the different Ministries controlling their respective undertakings are following divergent approaches in regard to the policy of recruitment to different cadres in the public undertakings; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure uniformity and to salvage talents from the area where a particular undertaking is established without disturbing the uniform pattern?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Railway Protection Force

\*1439. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:**  
**Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the object of establishing the Railway Protection Force;

(b) the annual expenditure on the maintenance of this Force;

(c) whether it has succeeded and if so, to what extent in checking thefts, pilferages and other wastes in Railway consignments and other properties; and

(d) the amount of claims paid directly and through Law Courts by the Railways in 1961-62 and 1964-65?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) The Railway Protection Force has been constituted under Section 3(1) of the R.P.F. Act, 1957, for the better protection and security of railway property.

(b) Rs. 7 crores (approximately).

(c) There has been substantial reduction in the number of thefts/pilferages of railway consignments as compared to the period prior to the reorganisation of the Railway Protection Force, the incidence having been brought down by about 36.5 per cent in the year 1964-65 as compared to 1956-57.

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| (d) 1961-62 | Rs. 134 Lacs. |
| 1964-65     | Rs. 150 Lacs. |

Separate figures of amounts paid directly and through Law Courts are not maintained.

#### Hindustan Machine Tools, Ltd.

\*1440. **Shri Kindar Lal:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Firodia:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., proposes to start five additional factories in the country;

(b) if so, when and at what places; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure involved?