

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). During the Fourth Plan period, Hindustan Machine Tools Limited propose to set up five machine tool units; three of these will be expansions of the existing factories at Pinjore (Panjab), Kalamassery (Kerala) and Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh). The other two will be new units—one in Madhya Pradesh and the other in Uttar Pradesh. The expansions of the Pinjore, Kalamassery and Hyderabad factories are proposed to be taken up first in the order mentioned above. The establishment of the new units will be taken up after the completion of the expansions, probably by the end of the Fourth Plan period.

(c) Approximately Rs. 26.50 crores.

पटना में रेल यात्रियों का रुके रहना

*1441. श्री हुकम चन्व कछवाय :
श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :
श्री काशी राम गुप्त :
श्री प्रिय गुप्त :
श्री राजी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 5 अप्रैल, 1966 को दिल्ली-हावड़ा एक्सप्रेस तथा घमृतसर-हावड़ा मेल सेवा को पटना स्टेशन पर खत्म कर दिये जाने के कारण 200 व्यक्तियों को पटना में रुकना पड़ा था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कलकत्ता जाने वाली अन्य रेल गाड़ियों को झाम्ना और धनबाद स्टेशनों पर रोक लिये जाने के कारण लोगों को बहुत कठिनाईयां उठानी पड़ी थीं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार गाड़ियों में रुके हुए व्यक्तियों के लिये क्या क्या सुविधाओं का प्रबन्ध किया गया ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क), (ख) और (ग). पूर्व रेलवे ने पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार की सलाह से यह निर्णय किया था कि 6-4-1966 को पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य के भीतर यात्री गाड़ियां न चलाई जायं, क्योंकि संयुक्त वामपंथी मोर्चे द्वारा उस दिन राज्य में "बन्द" की घोषणा की गयी थी। इस निर्णय के अनुसार, कलकत्ता जाने वाली जिन गाड़ियों को 6-4-66 की सुबह पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य में पहुंचना था, उनकी यात्रा बिहार के प्रमुख स्टेशनों, जैसे पटना, धनबाद आदि, पर समाप्त कर दी गयी, जहां कि यात्रियों के लिए पर्याप्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं वहां पीने के लिए पर्याप्त पानी और मोल भोजन का समुचित प्रबन्ध कर दिया गया था। यात्रियों के आराम की देखभाल के लिए रेलवे कर्मचारी विशेष रूप से तैनात किये गये थे।

Air-conditioned trains on Cheaper Rates

*1442. Shri Firodia: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce air-conditioned trains on cheaper rates than the present ones;

(b) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri Bharathi Textile Mill at Pondicherry

*1443. Shri Ku Sivapraghassan: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3791 on the 15th April, 1966 and state:

(a) whether Government have completed the consideration of the Report

of the Committee which was appointed to investigate into the affairs of Sri Bharathi Textile Mill at Pondicherry;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take over the control of the Mill under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):

(a) to (c). The recommendations of the Committee are still under consideration.

Retrenchment of Railway Employees

*1444. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Slnba:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale retrenchment of employees has been affected in the Railway Electrification Projects in the Eastern and South Eastern Railway regions and in Broad-Gauge Construction Projects and Survey and Construction Projects on the North-East Frontier Railway and DBK Railway Projects; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) There has been no retrenchment of Railway employees on Railway Electrification. About 91 employees on the Survey and Construction Projects and Broad Gauge Projects of North-East-Frontier Railway and 68 employees on D.B.K. Railway Projects have been discharged so far.

(b) The works against which they were employed have been completed.

Public Sector Projects

*1445. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the public sector projects have excess land which remains fallow for years together;

(b) if so, the total acreage of such land; and

(c) in how many cases the excess land has been leased out for growing more food and whether other will follow suit?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Collaboration

*1446. **Shri Madhu Limaye:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a noticeable reluctance on the part of the foreign firms to enter into agreements with the Indian firms in the matter of know-how and participation in the capital since August-September, 1965; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Research on Steel Structures

*1447. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri Linga Reddy:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be considerable savings in foreign exchange during the Fourth Plan as a result of research on steel structures undertaken at the Central Mechanical Research Institute, Durgapur;