

nizance of such reports and make enquiries of their own to find out whether the grievances are correct or not?

Shri Mohiuddin: I have made some enquiries myself.

Electric Goods Factory at Agra

*1571. **Shri Bhakt Darshan.** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Officers of his Ministry visited some places at Agra (U.P.) with a view to establish an electric goods factory;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) when the factory is likely to be established?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या माननीय मंत्री जी के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि कुछ समाचार पत्रों में इस आशय के समाचार प्रकाशित हुए हैं कि उन के विभाग के कुछ लोग आगरा तारीफें करने थे, और एक एसी फैक्ट्री बनाई जाने वाली है जहां पर कि बांध का पानी रोकने के लिये फाटक या इसी प्रकार के सामान बनाये जायेंगे? क्या कोई इस तरह का प्रोजेक्ट है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने पहले ही कह दिया "नहीं", तब इस का दुबारा क्या पूछना है ?

Shri Alagesan: I have answered the question in the negative.

Foreign Exchange Requirements for Railways during Third Plan

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*1572. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Maheswar Nalk:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total foreign exchange requirements for the railways for the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has sanctioned an increase in the foreign exchange component of the Railway requirements;

(c) if so, to what extent; and

(d) which particular aspects of the railway development projects are to be benefited by this increase?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 69].

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the break up for different purposes of the money asked for by the railways for the Five Year Plan?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not have the exact break up, but it is mainly for import of electric locomotives, diesel locomotives, rails and things like that.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What led the Railway Ministry to have this revised estimate of Rs. 249 crores and why was it not thought sufficient to stick to the old figure?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: In the initial stages when we assessed the requirement of foreign exchange we anticipated so much of indigenous production, but now when that indigenous production did not come up to the expectations we had to go in for imports.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What is the total value of the imported articles which can be manufactured in India and what efforts are the Government making to see that we stop the import of such articles and manufacture all of them in the country?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The new steel plants are going into production. Quite a sizable requirement of our rails, wheel sets and things like that are being manufactured indigenously. We hope that they will go on increasing progressively.

श्री तुलसीदास जाधव : जो एंजिन बाहर से आन वाले हैं उन में क्या कोई डीजल एंजिन का भी आर्डर है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो कहा गया है कि डीजल एंजिन का आर्डर है।

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जी, है।

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether any assessment has been made by the Railway Ministry as to how far the present quantum of foreign exchange committed to the Railway Ministry for these is short of the requirement that the Ministry is likely to have in the Third Five Year Plan period?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : There can be no rigidity about it because the indigenous production might lag behind the target or it might even exceed our expectations. But by and large, I think the Railway Ministry is in a fortunate position.

Shrimati Renuka Ray : Is it a fact that some types of steel were imported by the Railway Ministry which were later rejected as not being suitable for our use and that that is one of the reasons that no foreign exchange was required?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : No, Sir; that is not precisely the reason.

Shri Tyagi : What would be the rough estimate for putting up an electric locomotive engine factory in India? What would be the total cost if one were to be put up instead of buying from outside?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : I am sure my hon. friend knows that the Railway Ministry has already manufactured electric locomotives at Chittaranjan.

Shri Tyagi : Then what for was this money needed? Why import when the factory is already there?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Our production is not sufficient to meet our requirements.

Mr. Speaker : There is one thing that I object to and that is that another question should not be asked automatically. Next question.

Mangalore-Trivandrum Canal

*1573. **Shri Koya :** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it has been planned to extend the canal water transport from Mangalore to Trivandrum; and

(b) whether the Centre is giving any aid to the State Government to dig a canal between Badagara and Valapattanam?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Mr. Speaker : Next question.

Shri M. Ismail rose—

Shri M. K. Kumaran : Sir, I wanted to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker : I have called the next question. **Shri Bishanchander Seth .. Shri Basumatari ..** Next question.

Shri Bishanchander Seth : Sir I am here.

Mr. Speaker : He may be here, but I cannot recognise him unless he gets up.

Shri Hem Barua : One cannot be as smart as that to jump up immediately.

Mr. Speaker : If he misses once, he will be smart next time. Yes, he may put the question.

Shuttle Trains between Ghaziabad and Delhi

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*1574. { **Shri Bishanchander Seth :**
Shri Basumatari :

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state: