

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) There is no proposal to set up a Railway Hospital at Tamluk.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Gratuity Ceiling in PSUs

226. DR. MUMTAZ ANSARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bureau of Public Enterprises has approved any proposal to enhance the gratuity ceiling from existing one lakh to two and half lakh rupees payable to Employees of Public Sector Undertakings at present;

(b) if so, the facts, details and present status thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) the date and year from which this enhanced ceiling is likely to be made applicable/payable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d). Enhancement of gratuity ceiling for employees of public sector undertakings are under examination of the Government.

#### Railway Line

227. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3157 on April 25, 1995 and state :

(a) whether the survey report for Tellicherry-Mysore Railway line connecting Kerala and Karnataka has been received by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) if not, by when it is expected to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) By December, 1996.

#### World Book Fair in New Delhi

228. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Book Trust (NBT) had recently organised a World Book Fair in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and the number of participating countries, number of publications with language and the total approximate sales;

(c) whether some foreign publishers had displayed some objectionable publications;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the NBT against these publications;

(e) whether the SAARC countries which participated have agreed in principle to set up a Book Development Council of South Asia; and

(f) if so, the details and the objectives thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOL) : (a) and (b). The 12th World Book Fair was organised by the National Book Trust, India, at New Delhi from 3 to 11 February, 1996 and 46 countries participated. More than one million books were exhibited.

The Indian languages covered were : Assamiya, Bangla, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Aṅ, Garo, Khasi and Mizo and the foreign languages covered were : Arabic, Bhutanese, Bahasha, Malaysia, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Maldivian, Nepali, Portugese, Persian, Sinhalese and Spanish.

The total approximate business generated is estimated to be the tune of about Rs. 20 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. The main objective of setting up the Book Development Council would be to strive for free flow of books within the region. The Council would have four members, including one government agency such as the National Book Trust, from each country of the region.

#### Asea Brown Boveri Locomotives

229. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI :

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether experts have expressed some reservations about the suitability of the high speed locomotives for Indian conditions, being imported from Asea Brown Boveri of Switzerland;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the stipulation of 10 year span for transfer of technology to manufacture these locomotives in India is a technologically reasonable proposition ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.