

factory at Bahadurgarh (Punjab) to manufacture items other than those for whom it had been given licence;

(b) if so, whether this will adversely affect the existing small-scale glass industry; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to protect this small-scale industry?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) No, a factory licensed for manufacture of glass bottles at Bahadurgarh (Punjab), has applied for permission of the Government to manufacture penicillin vials and pressedware by surrendering an equivalent portion of the licensed capacity for manufacture of glass bottles. The application is still under consideration.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Match Industry

364. { Shri Laxmi Das:
Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri Nambiar:
Dr. Saradish Roy:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a crisis developing in South Indian decentralized hand-made match industry;

(b) whether Government have received representations on this matter from small-scale manufacturers' associations; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avert the crisis?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Some representations were received from Small-scale sector, for restricting the production of the mechanised sector of match industry in general, and M/s. WIMCO in particular.

During the past few years no expansion of capacity in the mechanised sector of match industry, has been allowed. Interests of the small-scale units will be kept in view in considering expansion of match industry in future also.

रेलों पर तोड़ फोड़

{ श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
365. { श्री यशपाल सिंह :
श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :

क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे पर गत 6 मास में हुई तोड़ फोड़ की घटनाओं के पीछे कुछ षड्यन्त्रों का भी पता चला है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में हुई रेल. दुर्घटनाओं में कुछ विदेशी व्यक्तियों का हाथ था; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो भविष्य में उनकी रोकथाम के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Indo-Canadian Zinc Project in Kerala

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
366. { Shri Dhaon:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to establish Indo-Canadian Zinc project in Kerala;

(b) if so, when the project is likely to be set up; and

(c) the total capacity of production of Zinc per annum and the capital outlay involved?