

difficult position of not having raw materials to utilise a reasonable portion of their capacity. Development of small scale industries which do not require scarce raw materials will continue to be free as at present.

Earth Keeping Spots on the Railway Stations

896. Shri D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earth keeping spots have been provided at certain important stations on some of the Railways for passengers to wash their hands after ablution;

(b) whether any arrangements have been made to store earth at such places; and

(c) whether it is a fact that very seldom earth is stored and the places of storage remain vacant due to which passengers are put to inconvenience?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) No complaints in this respect have been received. However, instructions have been issued to the Railways to ensure that earth is always available at such places for the use of the passengers.

Newsprint Factory in Uttar Pradesh

**897. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question No. 1160 on the 13th March, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the revised proposal for setting up a newsprint factory in Uttar Pradesh has been examined; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri

Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The firm has been issued a letter of intent to enable them to finalize the terms of technical and investment collaboration and also to make arrangements to import the plant and machinery.

Inspection Cell in Dusseldorf

**898. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1161 on the 13th March, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the question of opening an Inspection Cell in Dusseldorf has since been considered; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Supply in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes. The proposal has since been approved.

(b) The Inspection Cell in Dusseldorf will be set up by transfer of 15 posts from the India Supply Mission, London and creation of 4 additional posts locally. The Cell will mainly consist of Technical Officers who will carry out inspection of the goods purchased in Western Europe. The Cell will function under the overall control of the India Supply Mission, London.

Manufacture of Automobile Tyre and Tube valve cores

899. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small units manufacturing automobile tyre and tube valve cores are not supplied with the required raw materials for the purpose;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the foreign exchange involved in the import of these items?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). There is only one unit in Small Scale Sector known to be manufacturing valve cores for automobile tyres and tubes. As the unit reported difficulty in obtaining brass rods required by it from indigenous sources, it has been recently decided to allow the unit to import Rs. 6,000 worth of brass rods to tide over its immediate difficulties. As regards Teflon Tubings, the other raw material required by this unit, they have already been issued an import licence. The unit has, however, represented that the value of the licence is not adequate for consumption even on a single shift basis. This is being looked into.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dum Dum-Bangaon Section of E. Railway

900. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the reasons for not undertaking the doubling of the electrified track of the Dum Dum-Bangaon section on the Eastern Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): With the electrification of the section and running of the suburban services on this section with EMU rakes, which have a substantially higher carrying capacity, on a very liberal estimate the number of passenger trains needed on this section is not expected to be more than 24 trains in the early years of the 4th Plan. With the installation of modern signalling and train control equipment, it is possible to realise an effective capacity of 36 trains each way on this section—50 p.c. more than the traffic anticipated at the beginning of the 4th Plan.

Doubling of a line is very costly and is done only as a last resort when the required capacity cannot be provided by other cheaper methods. As with considerably less expensive methods of improved signalling and train control, as indicated above, adequate capacity can be realised, there is, obviously, no justification for considering the doubling of the Dum Dum-Bangaon (70 K.M.) section now.

Workshop Apprenticeship Stipends

901. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that workshop apprenticeship stipends have been reduced;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration for giving free boarding to the apprentices; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes. It is a fact that the stipends payable to the Trade Apprentices to be recruited on Railways under the provisions of the Apprentices Act 1961, have been reduced from Rs. 75-1-79 to Rs. 25—60.

(b) No.

(c) It is not desirable to run two parallel schemes and have two different scales of stipends for the apprentices required for the 'designated trades' and for the Trade Apprentices to be recruited against the 'non-designated trades'. Free boarding is neither envisaged in Railway Rules nor under the Apprentices Act.

Leave Reserves for Class III and IV Staff

902. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of leave reserves for Class III and IV staff respectively on each Railway;