

**Medium Scale Industries in Tripura**

906. { Shri Dasaratha Deb:  
 { Shri Biren Dutta:

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

(a) whether the Third Plan for Tripura includes programme for the starting of any medium scale industry in Tripura;

(b) if so, the names of those industries; and

(c) the steps taken to start such industries in Tripura?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):** (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Tripura Administration have suggested the establishment of a Cotton Spinning Mill, Jute Mill and a Paper Mill under the large and medium scale sector. The progress made in this regard is indicated below:—

An application from a private party for a licence for the setting up of a Cotton Spinning Mill with 15,000 spindles in Tripura has been received and is under examination. The Tripura Administration have also recommended the setting up of a Jute Mill by a private party and the Tripura Administration have been asked to advise the party concerned to submit an application for an industrial licence. As for the Paper Mill, the National Industrial Development Corporation have been asked to prepare a feasibility report on setting up a paper plant in Tripura.

**Railway Line in Konkan Area**

907. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was carried out sometime back

for the construction of Diva-Dasgaon Railway line in Konkan area;

(b) whether any representation to take up this project had been received from the public and the Maharashtra Government; and

(c) if so, when this project is likely to be taken up?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):**

(a) Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Diva-Dasgaon Project were carried out in the year 1953-54.

(b) Yes.

(c) Construction of a Railway line from Diva to Apta, with a branch line from Panvel to Uran, is in progress. Further extension of the line beyond Apta upto Dasgaon is not included in Railways' programme of construction of new lines during the Third Plan. The list of new lines for execution during the Fourth Plan is yet to be finalised in conjunction with the Planning Commission. Due consideration will be given to this project, along with others, while finalising these proposals taking into consideration the funds that may be available for new lines in the Fourth Plan.

**Coal Production**

908. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
 { Shri Inder J. Malhotra:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal fell in May this year as compared to the production in the preceding month; and

(b) whether some mines have closed down recently due to slackness in demand and accumulation of stocks?

**The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes. The production during the month of