

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):

(Figures in '000 Gross boxes')

	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
(a) The total production of hand-made matches per years ; (B. C. and D Class factories)	16491	18783	21996	18909
(b) The total production of machine-made matches per year (A class factories)	28591	26675	28142	28546

Price of Cement

1252. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned an increase in the price of cement to factories producing additional quantities of cement;

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

(c) its reaction on the consumers' price?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The incentive scheme for 1964 envisages the grant of an increase in price to certain producers for production achieved in 1964 in excess of the best annual production during 1960, 1961 and 1962. The amount varies between Rs. 2.50 to Rs. 5.50 per tonne.

(c) The increase will not affect the consumer's price which remains unchanged.

Quick Transit Service for goods in wagon loads

1253. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a weekly quick transit service for goods in wagon loads only from Faridabad to Carnac Bridge;

(b) if so, the details of the railway service; and

(c) whether any extra charges are being levied for the quick service?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The weekly Quick Transit Service for wagon load traffic only was introduced with effect from 1-3-1964 with target transit time of 5 days excluding the day of booking. This service is operated only on Thursday.

(c) Yes; the usual Quick Transit charge of 3 paise per rupee on the total freight subject to a minimum of 30 paise per consignment is levied.

Weekly Tea Special Train

1254. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the N.E.F. Railway has started running a weekly tea special train between Tinsukia Tea Warehouse via New Jalpaiguri recently; and

(b) if so, the time table for the running of the special train and duration of service?

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

(a) Yes, Sir, subject to the traffic offering.

(b) These Specials leave Tinsukia every Monday and reach Tea Warehouse, Calcutta, in seven days.

National Federation of Railwaymen

1255. { Shri N. P. Yadav:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Railwaymen have demanded from Government for the provision of food items at stabilised prices through fair-price shops; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) Establishment of Fair Price Shops is primarily the concern of the State Governments. The Railway Administrations have, however, been advised to see that Fair Price Shops are provided in or near the Railway colonies through the agency either of Railwaymen's Consumer Co-operative Societies or of the State authorised dealers.

Credit to Sudan

1256. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Jashvant Mehta:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have offered a credit of Rs. 5 crores to Sudan to facilitate larger purchase of Indian industrial machinery; and

(b) if so, whether an agreement has been signed in this respect?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. A credit of Rs. 5 crores has been offered to Sudan at the time of the visit of the Sudanese President to India in May, 1964.

(b) No agreement has, as yet, been signed in this regard; the matter is, however, under consideration.

Express Train between Madras and Hyderabad

1257. **Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra State Government have requested the Central Government to reintroduce the Express Train between Madras and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in this matter?

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

(b) The main difficulty in introducing a direct train between Madras and Hyderabad is the non-availability of spare line capacity. When additional capacity becomes available on the route, introduction of such a service will be duly considered.

Patent Law

1258. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2277 on the 17th April, 1964 and state the progress since made in the revision of the law relating to Patents?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): A comprehensive Bill relating to Patents to replace the existing law on the subject will be brought before this House shortly.

Trade Delegation to South America

1259. { **Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high power trade delegation recently visited South America; and

(b) if so, whether it has submitted its report?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A Trade Delegation visited Brazil,