सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है। पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। [देखिये संख्या एल० टी०—318/67]

(ख) से (घ). कुल मिलाकर उत्तर रेलवे की वर्तमान क्रेन क्षमता उसकी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त है। विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में प्राप्त होने वाले परेषणों की संख्या घट-बढ़ जाने से कुछ क्षेत्रों में उपलब्ध क्षमता का पूरा उपयोग नहीं हो सका और दिल्ली क्षेत्र, अम्बाला और बरेली जैसे कुछ स्थानों पर अस्थायी कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ा। जिन क्षेत्रों में ऐसे परेषणों की कमी हो गयी है जिनके लिए क्रेन इस्तेमाल किये जाते हैं, वहां से क्रेनों को उपयुक्त स्थानों पर लाकर क्रेन क्षमता बढ़ाने के उपाय किये जा रहे हैं। यातायात की प्रत्याशित आवश्यकताओं को देखते हुए उत्तर रेलवे के लिए कुछ और क्रेन प्राप्त करने का भी कार्यक्रम बनाया जा रहा है।

Closure of Cashew Factories in Kerala:

831. Shri C. Janardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the output of cashew was affected by the closure of cashew factories in Kerala during the last few months; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for the reopening of the cashew factories?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government are exploring all possible ways to reopen the factories.

Export of Cardamom

832. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri C. Janardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned (year-wise) through the export of Cardamom during the last five years; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the production of cardamom?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi): (a) Foreign exchange earned through the export of cardamom during the last five years is as follows:

		(in millions of Rupees)
1962-63	..	27.7
1963-64	..	31.9
1964-65	..	28.3
1965-66	..	43.9
1966-67	..	66.7 (upto February, 1967)

(b) To increase production of cardamom, it is proposed—

(i) to encourage extensive replantings with varieties resistant to katte disease, which is reported to be the most significant impediment in the way of increasing production;

(ii) to encourage extensions of plantations in new areas; and

(iii) to give incentives to planters by ensuring supply of fertilizers pesticides etc.

इलाहाबाद और कटिहार के बीच चलने वाली गाड़ियां

833. श्री चन्द्रिका प्रसाद: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इलाहाबाद तथा कटिहार के बीच चलने वाली 37 अप तथा 38 डाउन गाड़ियों को एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में बदलने का एक प्रस्ताव था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनको एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में न बदलने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) वाराणसी तथा इलाहाबाद के बीच डीजल गाड़ी न चलाए जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा) :
(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता।

(ग) फिलहाल अपेक्षित डीजल कारों की अनुपलब्धता।

Tenders for Bokaro Civil Works

834. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 contractors, some of whom had been allowed to withdraw their condition or to revise their tenders for Bokaro Civil Works (called by the Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.) were called for second negotiations on the 11th|12th March, 1967;

(b) whether only 9 contractors were interviewed and were assured that they would get the contracts;

(c) whether all these 9 contractors had been allowed to revise the tenders or to withdraw the conditions attached thereto;

(d) the names of these 9 contractors;

(e) whether it is also a fact that others had been telegraphically invited to attend on these dates but were never interviewed; and

(f) if so, the reasons for adopting this irregular procedure?

The Minister of Steel Mines and Metals (Dr. Channa Reddy): (a) to (f). The question pertains to the day-to-day working of M/s. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited, a public sector undertaking, about which information is not normally furnished to Government. The material for the reply is, however, being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.

835. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenders were called for by Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd., for Bokaro Steel Plant civil works in January, 1967;

(b) if so, the value of the work for which tenders were called and the number of contractors who were selected and called for negotiations;

(c) whether any permission was given to some of them to withdraw the conditions attached to their tenders and thereby to revise them;

(d) whether it is a fact that without this withdrawal and revision, the tenders would not have been valid and acceptable to the company (Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd); and

(e) if so, whether this withdrawal and revision was according to the rules and regulations in force, and especially as laid down in the tender documents?

The Minister of Steel Mines and Metals (Dr. Channa Reddy): (a) to (e). The question pertains to the day-to-day working of M/s. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited, a public sector undertaking, about which information is not normally furnished to Government. The material for the reply is, however, being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

उड़ीसा, बिहार तथा अन्य प्रदेश के खान-क्षेत्रों का सर्वेक्षण

836. श्री रबी राय :
श्री मधु लिमये :

क्या इस्पात, खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोयला, लोहा तथा अन्य धातुओं के खनिज-भण्डारों का पता लगाने के