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Cement Manufacturing Units in Andhra Pradesh

8051. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation by the Cement Corporation of India regarding the feasibility of setting up a cement manufacturing unit at Yerraguntta in Cuddapah district (Andhra Pradesh) has since been completed;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether the Cement Corporation of India propose to take up the work of setting up a cement manufacturing unit at Yerraguntta on its own; and

(d) if not, whether any private parties would be asked to take up the work?

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

(b) The prospecting report is yet under preparation.

(c) and (d). The question of setting up a cement factory in the area will be considered after receipt of the detailed project report from Cement Corporation of India, taking into account the financial resources available with the Corporation and claims of other suitable locations. Since the industry has been decontrolled any private party can set up a cement factory in Yerraguntta.

Absorption of surplus Workers on Nationalisation of N.G. Sections

8052. Shri K. Haldar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board have assured the West Bengal Finance and Transport Minister that it would consider the cases of re-employment

of 1,500 workers, recently declared surplus after nationalisation of some narrow gauge sections; and

(b) if so, whether the continuity of service of those workers will be maintained?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No narrow gauge sections have been nationalised recently, but management of Ahmedpur-Katwa and Bankura Damodar River Railways has been assumed by Government w.e.f. 1st July, 1967. The total number of workers of these two Railways was about 800. Such of the staff of the two Railways as have been found suitable for employment on the Eastern and South-Eastern Railways in accordance with the terms and conditions decided upon by Government, and who have accepted employment on the said terms and conditions, have been taken over for employment.

(b) The service of the permanent staff of Ahmedpur-Katwa and Bankura-Damodar River Railways after their absorption, on the Eastern or the South Eastern Railway, will be treated as continuous for certain specified purposes.

Diesel Locomotive for Cochin Mail

8053. Shri Vasudevan Nair: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce diesel locomotive for the Cochin Mail; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Export of Mineral Ore

8054. Shri Sequeira: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the tonnage and value of mineral ores exported through Mormagoa

Port by the State Trading Corporation and by other exporters separately in 1966-67; and

(b) the demurrage paid at the same port during the same year by the State Trading Corporation and other

exporters separately in terms of rupees and dollars?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The export of mineral ore is made by Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation and not by State Trading Corporation.

| | Year | Quantity | Value Rs. crores |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|
| Exports by MMTC | 1966-67 | 2.8 M. Tonnes | 10.42 |
| Exports by other exporters | 1966-67 | 5.4 M. Tonnes | 21.45 |

(b) M.M.T.C. has paid demurrage of Rs. 88,998 (\$11,866). No information is available about demurrages paid by other exporters.

Trade Attaches Abroad

**8055. Shri Sequeira;
Shri S. Kundu:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the number of enquiries received through our trade Attaches abroad in each of the last five years;

(b) the percentage of such enquiries which resulted in export orders;

(c) the value of such orders; and

(d) the percentage of the value of such orders to the total increase in exports in each of the five years?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The number of enquiries received during the last five years are:

| Year | No. of enquiries |
|------|------------------|
| 1962 | 7154 |
| 1963 | 7451 |
| 1964 | 7143 |
| 1965 | 5693 |
| 1966 | 5756 |

(b) to (d). Not available as results or outcome of enquiries are not communicated by the applicants.

Zinc Factory in Kenya

**8056. Shri D. Amat;
Shri G. C. Naik;
Shri M. Majhi;
Shri D. D. Jena:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Biju Patnaik, ex-Chief Minister of Orissa has set up a Zinc factory in Kenya (South Africa);

(b) if so, the nature of the assistance extended to him by Government; and

(c) whether it is on private basis or with collaboration of any other country?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir. No Zinc factory has been set up by Shri Biju Patnaik in Kenya.

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

Fast Train between Palwal and Ballabgarh

8057. Shri K. P. Singh Deo: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trial run for the fastest train was conducted between Palwal and Ballabgarh by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation of the Railways; and

(b) if so, the results achieved?