

Railway Loss due to Agitation for Location of Saurashtra University

8926. **Shri Sradhakar Supakar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total loss to railway properties on account of the agitation over the location of Saurashtra University?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): Rs. 583 approximately.

Exports to West Germany

8927. **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to export engineering goods and other products to West Germany is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to see that the scheme is successfully implemented?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The West German Government have offered assistance for a scheme designed to increase Indian engineering goods to the country in particular and to Western Europe in general.

(b) The main objective of the project is to get a number of Indian Marketing Specialists trained by a Group of German Experts and to supplement such training by 'Public Relations' work in Germany with a view to creating a friendly climate for the acceptance of Indian engineering goods in that country.

(c) The details of the scheme were recently discussed with representatives of the German Government and a tentative schedule has been worked out with a view to commence implementation of the scheme in India from October 1967. Pending finalisation of the details between the two Governments, the Engineering Export Promotion Council has been advised to

take preliminary steps in this direction.

Establishment of Subsidiary Company of H.M.T. with U.S. Assistance

8928. **Shri D. N. Patodia:**
Shri R. Barua:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a subsidiary company of the HMT is being set up in India with U.S.A.'s collaboration for the manufacture of presses and sheet metal machinery; and

(b) if so, whether the project report has been prepared and whether the terms of collaboration with the USA have been finalised?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). Hindustan Machine Tools Limited have submitted a feasibility report for the establishment of a Subsidiary Company in partnership with Messrs Verson All-steel Press Company, Chicago, USA, for manufacture of metal forming machines like Presses. The report is under consideration.

Manufacture of Ophthalmic Glass

8929. **Shri S. K. Taparia:**
Shri P. N. Solanki:

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

(a) the number of units in the public and private sector engaged in the manufacture of ophthalmic glass;

(b) their rated capacity and actual production;

(c) whether there is a shortage of this item and whether it is still being imported; and

(d) the steps taken to increase its production?