

Export of Textiles

2736. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of textiles to foreign countries has gone up during 1966 as compared to the preceding year; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Exports of cotton textiles during the years 1965 and 1966 were as follows:—

1965—Rs 745.5 million (157.14 million dollars).

1966—Rs. 783.0 million (127.63 million dollars).

Production of Textiles

2737. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the production of textiles in the country mill made and handloom separately during 1966-67 and the per capita consumption thereof;

(b) whether there is any increase in production this year as compared to the last one year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Mill made cotton cloth—4203 million metres Handloom & Power loom cotton cloth—3102 million metres.

(b) Compared to 1965-66, production of mill made cotton cloth registered a fall whereas the production of hand-

loom and powerloom cotton cloth increased. The production in 1965-66 of mill made cotton cloth was 4402 and handloom and powerloom cotton cloth 3039 million metres respectively.

(c) During 1966-67, the cotton textile mill industry was subjected to stresses and strains due to (i) fall in purchasing power, (ii) power cuts imposed in certain States, (iii) difficult cotton situation in the country resulting in one day extra closure in a week, and (iv) shortage of finance.

Small Scale Inventions Development Board

2738. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani:

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

(a) whether any prizes were given by the Small Scale Invention Development Board during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No LT-698/67]

Ferry Service between Pandu and Amingaon

2739. **Shri Dhireswar Kalita:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ferry service between Pandu and Amingaon is being maintained for transporting Railwaymen residing at Amingaon and working in Pandu-Gauhati area at the cost of Railway Administration;

(b) if so, the monthly expenditure incurred since the opening of the Saraighat Bridge over the Brahmaputra; and

(c) whether Government propose to extend the existing shuttle service upto Agthuri Station and reduce the expenditure now incurred for keeping the ferry service?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Ferry trips have been reduced from five to two each way resulting in the saving on expenditure incurred on this account as indicated below:—

Year	Average monthly expenditure (In Rupees)
1963-64	1,30,000
1964-65	1,34,000
1965-66	92,000
1966-67	54,000

Extension of shuttle services, to run to and from Agthori, is not operationally feasible for want of terminal facilities at Agthori.

Selection Committee N.E.F. Rly.

2740 Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases relating to the manipulation of the recommendations of the Selection Committee for selection of staff for promotion to selected posts on the N.E.F. Railway have been enquired into by the Central Vigilance Organisation;

(b) if so, the number of cases enquired into;

(c) the number of Officers found at fault; and

(d) the action taken to avoid the recurrence of such cases in future?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) One.

(c) None as the complaint was found to be baseless.

(d) Does not arise.

Printing Works on N.E.F. Rly.

2741. Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether printing works of the North-East-Frontier Railway are got done in private presses inspite of having a press at Kurseong;

(b) if so, the expenditure on this account as also that incurred for running the Press at Kurseong for the past five years separately;

(c) whether any proposal for installing a Press at Maligaon has been received from the North-East-Frontier Railway Administration; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-699/67].

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Accident near Doiwala

2742. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how a 1st class bogie came to be attached to the goods train which met with an accident near Doiwala on the morning of 4th May, 1967, killing 5 persons and injuring several others;

(b) the names of the relatives of the Official of the Western Railway who were killed or injured in the said accident;

(c) whether it was proper for this Official to travel in a 1st class bogie by attaching it to a goods train; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take against all those concerned