

(b) The main topics discussed at the meeting related to finances for development work, foreign exchange for promotion activities (e.g. publicity, participation in International meetings), supply of planting materials, fertilisers, pesticides, sprinkler irrigation equipments, and joint meetings of Research Officers and Plantation Management. The recommendations are under consideration of Government.

#### Cottage Industries in Orissa

2771. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri K. Pradhani:  
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been formulated by Government to encourage the cottage industries in Orissa State during 1967-68; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### Manufacture of Power Tillers in Orissa

2772. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri K. Pradhani:  
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state the progress made so far in regard to the manufacture of power tillers in Orissa State?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): The Orissa Industrial Development Corporation were given a letter of intent on 24th August, 1963 for the establishment of a new undertaking in Orissa State for the manufacture of power tillers. They have,

however, informed the Government on the 29th March, 1967 that they are no longer interested in the establishment of this project. The letter of intent issued to them has accordingly been cancelled.

#### Over/Under Bridges in Orissa

2773. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri K. Pradhani:  
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of over-bridges and under-bridges proposed to be taken up by Government in Orissa State during 1967-68; and

(b) the details thereof and the amount allotted for the purpose?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Bhilai Steel Project

2774. Shri G. S. Mishra: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the number of construction engineers retrenched from Bhilai Steel Project and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the question of absorbing these engineers in the construction work of Bokaro Steel Project was considered; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) Due to the completion of the construction work connected with the first expansion of the Bhilai Steel Plant, 19 construction engineers were retrenched by the plant authorities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Bokaro Steel Project authorities have selected seven out of these nineteen engineers.