

evasion of sales tax|import after last date of shipment by or through Dhanrajmal Gouindram firm|New Commercial Mills Co. Ltd., Ahmedabad Pondichery Mills under Barter series 10 in 1966;

(b) whether the malpractices mentioned in the note etc. have been investigated;

(c) whether the Textile Commissioner|Cotton Advisor have been suspended; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (d). Complaints were received about the alleged malpractices by certain importers who were allowed to import cotton under Barter deal, in 1966. These complaints related mainly to the re-sale of cotton by the importers with the permission of the Textile Commissioner. A Committee with the complainant as one of the members was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri K. M. D. Thackersey to investigate into these allegations. The Committee did not find any malpractice in the transactions of re-sale of imported cotton.

डीजल तथा बिजली से चलने वाले इंजनों का आयात

2795. श्री यशपाल सिंह :

श्री: राम गोपाल श. लबाले :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों में कितने डीजल तथा बिजली से चलने वाले इंजन आयात किये गये; और

(ख) उनको वास्तविक प्रयोग में कब से लाया गया है?

रेलवे मंत्री: (श्री: चं० नु० पुनावा) :

(क) अप्रैल, 1962 से मार्च, 1967 तक आयात किये गये डीजल रेल इंजनों

की संख्या 438 है। इसी अवधि में 133 बिजली रेल इंजन आयात किये गये।

(ख) उपर्युक्त रेल इंजनों का उपयोग इस प्रकार किया गया :-

डीजल रेल इंजन

इन सभी 438 रेल इंजनों का वास्तविक उपयोग मई, 1962 से नवम्बर, 1965 तक अलग-अलग तारीखों में किया गया।

बिजली रेल इंजन

131 बिजली रेल-इंजनों को दिसम्बर, 1963 में बुलाई, 1966 के बीच अलग-अलग तारीखों में चालू किया गया। दो रेल इंजन प्रयाग नहू चलाये गये हैं क्योंकि सितम्बर, 1965 से पाकिस्तान द्वारा रोके गये माल को छाड़ने के बाद वे अभी मार्च 1967 में मिले हैं।

2796. Shri Parthasarathy: Will the Minister of Industrial Development Newsprint Project in Andhra Pradesh and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a newsprint project at Bhodan in Andhra Pradesh, as there is enough bagasse available from Nizam Sugar factory; and

(b) if so, the cost of the newsprint mill and when it will come into production?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir. We are not aware of any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Clerks in Traffic Accounts Offices

2797. Shri P. Ramamurti:  
Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:

**Shri Viswanatha Menon:**  
**Shri E. K. Nayanar:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 591 on the 26th May, 1967 regarding Clerks in Traffic Accounts Offices and state:

(a) the total number of Lower Division Clerks promoted in the higher grade in Traffic Accounts Offices of the Indian Railways during 1965 and 1966;

(b) the total number of Lower Division Clerks promoted in the higher grade in Foreign Traffic Accounts Office of the Western Railway since 20th November, 1963; and

(c) the total number of Lower Division Clerks promoted in the higher grade in Traffic Accounts Office, Delhi of the Northern Railway since 22nd October, 1964?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### Diesel Locomotives

2798. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diesel locomotives in operation, imported as well as assembled in India with percentage of its import-content;

(b) the programme during the Fourth Plan for importing diesel locomotives parts and for manufacturing engines in India; and

(c) the total capital requirement of foreign exchange as well as rupee finance during the Fourth Plan period?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) As on 1st April, 1967, 777 diesel locomotives were in operation, of which 670 locomotives were imported.

The import content of Diesel Locomotives manufactured by Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi during 1966-67 was 69 per cent.

(b) In the Fourth Plan period 671 diesel locomotives are tentatively expected to be manufactured in India of which 55 locomotives have already been manufactured up to 30th April, 1967. The import content of the Broad Gauge diesel locomotives manufactured at Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi is at present 66.5 per cent, which will progressively be decreased to 10 per cent during the last year of the Fourth Plan. The import content of the Metre Gauge diesel locomotives that are to be built at the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi is expected to be approximately 30 per cent by the end of the Plan.

In regard to the manufacture of Broad Gauge shunting locomotives at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works the import content is likely to be approximately 65 per cent in 1967-68, to be progressively reduced during the Fourth Plan.

(c) The anticipated cost of the diesel locomotives mentioned in (b) above is likely to be approximately as under:

	Rs.
Foreign Exchange	47.42 crores
Rupee Finance	70.5 crores
	117.92 crores

यात्रियों तथा रेलवे कर्मचारीयों के बीच लागू

2799. श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :

श्री इलहास साहनी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं जहाँ पर पश्चिम बंगाल नई सरकार बनने के बाद यात्रियों तथा रेलवे कर्मचारियों के बीच लागू हुए हैं;