

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the concerned authority and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government is considering suitable measures for larger flow of credit from the State Bank of India to the Small Scale industries.

Manufacture of Diesel Locomotives

3392. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri Ramschandra Ulaka:
Shri Shankarrao Mane:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi propose to manufacture 40 diesel locomotives for metre gauge by the end of 1969;

(b) if so, the cost of diesel locomotive;

(c) whether the designing for these locomotives to be manufactured for the first time by this workshop will be done by a foreign firm;

(d) if so, the name and other details of the firm;

(e) whether Canada has sanctioned two million dollars for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details of the amount received?

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

(b) The U.S.A. ex-factory cost is \$100,000 per locomotive (excluding escalation charges). The estimated cost of manufacture at the Diesel Locomotive Works is about Rs. 14 lakhs per locomotive.

(c) and (d). The metre gauge diesel locomotives are to be manufactured to

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the design of the American Collaborators of the Diesel Locomotive Works, Messrs. ALCO products Inc., who are already supplying the design of the broad gauge diesel locomotives being built at present at the Diesel Locomotive Works.

(e) and (f). Canadian \$2.2 million equivalent to Rs. 1.52 crores has been allocated from the non-project loan of C. \$11.85 million granted by the Government of Canada, for the purpose of purchasing imported components for the 40 metre gauge locomotives.

Kota-Chitorgarh Railway Line

3393. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 316 on the 31st March, 1967 and state the stage at which the proposal to construct Kota-Chitorgarh Railway line stands at present?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): The examination of the traffic survey report of this project, which is in progress, is expected to take a little more time to be completed.

Corruption Cases in the Ministry of Commerce

3394. Shri S. R. Dasgami: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of corruption in his Ministry during the last three years have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the various offices under the Ministry and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.