

(d) whether it is a fact that the Train Formation are always delayed and brought to the platform just about few minutes of their scheduled departure timings and sometimes even later, particularly at Hubli Station on the South Central Railway?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) The water scarcity was only temporarily and was due to bursting of Municipal Water mains which supplies bulk of railway's requirements of water at Hubli. The trains services were maintained by use of railway's own water supply and by getting some locos watered at nearby station of Dharwar.

(d) The rakes of out-going trains from Hubli and other stations are normally berthed well in time except when owing to non-availability of platforms, as a result of precedence to more important trains running late, accidents, replacement of sick coaches etc., late berthing of train rakes becomes unavoidable.

#### Joint Trade Venture with Nepal

3567. Shri Yajna Datt Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal Government have sought joint trade ventures with Indian businessmen;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands at present;

(c) whether already there are any joint ventures with the Indian traders existing with Nepal; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinanath Singh): (a) and (b). During the trade talks held in Kathmandu in December, 1966, between the representatives of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and Government of India, the proposal for the formation of a Joint Industrial Co-operation

Council to aid and assist in the process of industrialisation of Nepal, was also discussed and it was agreed that such a Council may be set up as early as possible. The proposed terms of reference for the Council include inter-alia, co-operation between their respective Industrial Development Corporations and the preparation of feasibility studies and project reports. The terms of reference of the Council are being finalised in consultation with HMG Nepal.

(c) and (d). Indian industrialists have no their own already set up industries in Nepal for manufacture of woollen yarn and catechu. A cotton textile mill is also being set up as a joint venture. For this purpose, a Public Limited Company has been constituted with an authorised capital of Rs. 300 lakhs (N.C.) The proposed mill will have a production capacity of about 11,000 bales per annum, which is expected to be consumed in Nepal itself.

#### Location of Industries in Punjab

3568. Shri Yajna Datt Sharma: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have approached the Centre for locating some industries in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the industries suggested by the State Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### Staple Yarn Industry of Punjab

3569. Shri Yajna Datt Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that staple yarn industry of Punjab has suffered