

Almsed): No Report regarding the West German Assistance to small scale and medium scale industries in India has been submitted to the Government of India. The question of stating the views of the Reconstruction and Loan Corporation on this Report does not, therefore, arise.

#### Change in the Management of Public Sector Steel Plants

545. Shri Manibhai J. Patel:  
Shri Virendrakumar Shah:  
Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:  
Shri Ranjit Singh:  
Shri S. R. Damani:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:  
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring about a radical change in the management of the public sector steel plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed change is expected to be implemented?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) to (c). The whole question of the future organisation of Hindustan Steel Limited is now under examination. Before 1962, there were six full-time Directors. Subsequently, they had been replaced by part-time Directors, and, in 1963, major organisational changes were introduced. The Committee on Public Undertakings has also looked into this question and made certain recommendations. The matter is under consideration of the Administrative Reforms Commission also for which they have appointed a separate study group. I would also like to discuss the form of organisation at the top management level with the Heads of Pub-

lic Sector Undertakings, particularly whether each plant should be constituted into a separate company, and, if so, whether coordination can be secured by appointing a common Chairman. The decision will be taken in due course in the light of views received.

#### New Railway Lines in U.P. and Punjab

546. Shri N. S. Sharma:  
Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:  
Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri Brij Bhusan Lal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of U.P. and Punjab have approached the Central Government for the inclusion of certain projects for new railway lines in the respective States in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government thereon?

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

(b) The Fourth Plan proposals as a whole have not yet been finalised.

#### Railway Saloons

547. Shri Ranjit Singh:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:  
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the designation of officers who are authorised to use railway saloons;

(b) the number of such officers in each Division Dist. of each Railway; and

(c) the total number of saloon cars in use at present?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c). Infor-