

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 Subsequently, they had been replaced by part-time Directors, and, in 1963, major organisational changes were introduced.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-

information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

डीजल इंजनों से चलने वाली रेल गाड़ियाँ

548. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अप्रैल, 1967 तक डीजल इंजनों से चलने वाली गाड़ियों की संख्या किन्नी थी;

(ख) घटने एक वर्ष में रेल गाड़ियों के लिये किन्ने प्रतिरिक्त डीजल इंजन उपलब्ध हो जायेंगे; और

(ग) किन्ने डीजल इंजन प्रतिवर्ष बनाये जा रहे हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० व्० पुनाजा) :

(क) अप्रैल, 1967 में डीजल इंजन से चलने वाली गाड़ियों की कुल संख्या 28,973 थी।

(ख) 1967-68 और 1968-69 में गाड़ियों के लिये क्रमशः 93 और 115 प्रतिरिक्त डीजल इंजन उपलब्ध किये जायेंगे।

(ग) 1966-67 में 55 डीजल इंजन बनाये गये और छात्रा है कि 1967-68 में 72 डीजल इंजन तैयार करके मजदूरी किये जायेंगे।

खादी सामोद्योग भवन

549. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या

वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी की बिक्री कम होने के कारण खादी सामोद्योग भवनों में खादी बड़ी मात्रा में जमा हो गई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो खादी सामोद्योग भवनों को इन संकट से उबारने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री लक्ष्मी कुरेशी) (क) तथा (ख). अपेक्षित जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Price of Export Commodities

550. श्री C. Janardhanan:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have compiled an index of unit price of export commodities as well as goods imported into the country since 1950; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The index numbers of average unit value of exports and imports are given below:

Year	Exports Base : 1952-53=100	Imports
1954-55	98	89
1955-56	90	87
1956-57	94	91
1957	94	91
1958	93	92
	Base : 1958-100	
1959	100	93
1960-61	110	96
1961-62	109	98
1962-63	106	94
1963-64	105	97
1964-65	107	99
1965-66	113	104