

The Deputy Minister is the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shaif Qureshi): (a) and (b). There has been a general increase in the price of yarn and this has affected the handloom industry to a certain extent. The rise in price is mainly due to inadequate supply of yarn in hank form for the use of the handloom weavers. Action to make available adequate quantity of yarn in hank form to handloom industry is under consideration.

Unmanned Level Crossings in Olavakkode Division (S. Ely.)

668. Shri A. Sreedharan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to convert the unmanned level crossings in the Olavakkode Division on the Southern Railway into manned level crossings; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). 7 unmanned level crossings in Olavakkode Division of Southern Railway have been manned upto 1966-67. Proposals for manning another 9 have been sent by the Railways to the Kerala and Madras Governments for acceptance of their share of cost. Of these 2 have been deferred by the Madras Government, 1 is in progress and 1 more will be taken up during 1967-68. For the remaining 5 acceptance of the State Governments concerned is awaited.

बलिया और छपरा (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) के बीच रेलवे पुल

669. श्री कन्निका प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में बलिया और छपरा के बीच कच्चा पुल के बारे में, जो पुराना होने के कारण क्षरणाक हो गया है, सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

रलवे मंत्री (श्री च० म० पुनावा) : यह रेलवे पुल बिल्कुल मजबूत है और गाड़ियों को इस पर से 50 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से जाने की अनुमति है।

Heavy Plates and Vessels Plant

670. Shri Deoras Patil: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to put up the Heavy Plates and Vessels Plant at Wardha;

(b) if so, when the work will be started; and

(c) the financial outlay involved in the scheme?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Industrial Estates in Orissa

671. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri K. Pradhani: Shri Heerji Bhal:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial estates opened in Orissa during 1966-67 (so far) and the names of districts where opened; and

(b) the amount allotted to Orissa for this purpose during the same period?

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

(b) Rs. 9.00 lakhs.