

**Explosion in Rourkela Plant**

7155. **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether an explosion took place in a part of the Coke-Oven by-Product Plant at Rourkela in the first week of May, 1967; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was an explosion in the Compressor House attached to the By Products Plant at about 4.10 a.m. on May 3, 1967, due to bursting of the main Pipe. The roof of the Compressor House was completely damaged and fire broke out which could be extinguished by about 6.00 a.m.

**Extension of Banspani Railway Siding to Joruri**

7156. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of extending Banspani Railway siding to Joruri in Keonjhar in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Secretaries' Committee had approved their extension on priority basis; and

(c) the reasons for not implementing the same?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) to (c). The Committee of Secretaries have recommended examination of the proposal for extending the railway line from Banspani to Joruri. A Preliminary Engineering Survey for this extension has already been carried as part of the Banspani-Nayagarh-Paradeep survey. The South Eastern Railway have prepared an estimate for this siding as a deposit work and forwarded it to the Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation, for their consideration.

**Purchase of Locomotive Components from Canada**

7157. **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:**

**Shri Sarjoo Pandey:**

**Shri Ishaq Sambhali:**

**Shri K. Lakkappa:**

**Shri Srinibas Misra:**

**Shri Y. A. Prasad:**

**Shri B. N. Shastri:**

**Shri N. K. Sanghi:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to buy locomotive components from Canada;

(b) if so, the value thereof and the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether any project has been set up to produce such components in India?

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

(b) and (c). The value of components proposed to be imported now is about Canadian \$2.2 million equivalent to Rs. 1.52 crores, for the manufacture of 40 Metre gauge diesel locomotives in the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi.

Facilities for the manufacture of Metre gauge diesel locomotives are being set up in the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, where board gauge diesel locomotives are already being built. For the 40 Metre gauge diesel locomotives to be manufactured, some components will be manufactured by the Diesel Locomotive Works and only those which are not available from indigenous sources will be imported.

With progressive manufacture of Metre gauge diesel locomotives and increase in the manufacture of components in Diesel Locomotive Works, the import content will gradually be reduced with corresponding increase in indigenous content.

 **Scooter Factory in Kerala**

7158. **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

**Shri P. C. Adichan:**

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

(a) whether the Kerala State Indus-