

(d) if so, whether licences have been issued to that effect;

(e) whether Government propose to permit arm dealers to manufacture cartridges; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Licences were issued by the C.C.I. & E. to the State Trading Corporation for import of cartridges from Czechoslovakia. in 1966.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The import quota for this year is 4% as against *ad hoc* releases during the last two years.

(d) Applications for the licences have been forwarded by the State Trading Corporation to the C.C.I. & E. but no licences have been issued so far.

(e) and (f). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN NIZAMABAD AND PEDDAPALLI

3482. **SHRI M. N. REDDY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the then Nizam State Railways, Hyderabad in or about 1946 for laying a Railway line between Nizamabad and Peddapalli via Karimnagar, now forming part of Andhra Pradesh and South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to take up the above line in the Fourth Plan in view of growing commercial importance of this area; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a). A Final Location Survey for a broad gauge railway line from Latur to Ramagundam (near Peddapalli) via Nizamabad was carried out in 1946 by the Ex. N.S. Railway. A Traffic Survey for Nizamabad-Ramagundam line was also carried out during 1955-56.

(b) The proposal was considered unremunerative owing to the poor return on the capital.

(c) No.

(d) Owing to the tight financial position of the Railways and the limited funds made available for construction of new railway lines during the Fourth Plan, construction of this line will naturally have to wait for better times.

AERIAL MINERAL SURVEY

3483. **SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH:** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of aerial mineral survey to be undertaken with U.S. collaboration is likely to be extended to cover about ten other regions;

(b) if so, the names of other regions which may include in the survey programme and the names of those which fall in Gujarat; and

(c) when the programme is to be undertaken and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

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

सवाई माधोपुर जंक्शन पर पुल का निर्माण

3484. **श्री. भीठा लाल मीना :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिम रेलवे पर शहर को जाने वाली सड़क के झार पार, के सवाई माधोपुर रेलवे जंक्शन पर एक रेलवे पुल के निर्माण किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो निर्माण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ किया जायेगा; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री. चं० सु० पुनाचा) : (क) जी हां ।