

रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बरौनी और कटिहार के बीच बड़ी रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह योजना कब तैयार की गई थी और इसकी क्रियान्विति में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

INDUSTRIES AFFECTED BY RECESSION

3638. SHRI M. SUDARSANAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the industries affected by recession and the steps taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : The industries more seriously affected by the recession are Engineering Industries in general and in particular industries manufacturing railway wagons, wire ropes, steel structurals, machine tools and commercial vehicles. The fall in production in these, has in turn affected the production of ancillary industries like steel pipes and tubes, welding electrodes, grey iron, steel and malleable castings.

The steps taken to counter the effect of recession on industrial production include review of the various developmental programmes with a view to reviving the demand for capital goods to the extent possible; encouraging diversification in the manufacturing programmes of the affected industries, emphasis on the development of regular export markets through stronger marketing structures both for the public and private sectors; banning of imports to the extent the indigenous capacity can meet the requirements, including a review of imports already authorised but not irrevocably committed and announcement of the new credit policy in a bid to counter the recessionary trends in the industry.

PRODUCTION OF MACHINE TOOLS IN FOURTH PLAN

3639. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to lower the Fourth Plan target for machine tools production by about Rs. 30 crores; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). The Fourth Plan is yet to be finalised. In view of the changed economic situation and the decline in demand for machine tools, the target indicated in the draft outline of the plan, may have to be revised downward.

SCALES OF PAY OF RAILWAY OFFICERS

3640. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :
SHRI S. C. BESRA :
SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to bring the scales of pay of railway officers on par with those of other Ministries was under consideration; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The representation from the Railway Gazetted Officers is for revision of their scales of pay in line with the revision made in other Departments of the Government of India and is under consideration.

EMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTION OF S.C. EMPLOYEES ON RAILWAYS

3641. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several Scheduled Caste employees have been reverted on the Southern Railway and transferred to distant places in contravention of the existing rules from the last two years; and