

system and its spares have considerably increased;

(b) whether these items are manufactured in Industrial towns and thereby its cost in the rural side, particularly in the remote areas, became considerably high;

(c) the steps Government have taken to provide these necessary items for irrigation to farmers at lower initial cost and without any difficulty;

(d) whether Government are considering to earmark a definite quota for agricultural requirements, and adopting a uniform trading policy for the whole of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of States which are subsidising the purchase of irrigation and protection accessories, item-wise, and percentage of subsidy granted on each item separately?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

ANNUAL INCOME TO S. C. RAILWAY FROM NIZAMABAD DISTRICT

4435. **SHRI M. N. REDDY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the annual income earned by the South Central Railway from Nizamabad District in Andhra Pradesh during 1964-65, 65-66 and 66-67 on the following heads: (i) passenger traffic (ii) goods Traffic and (iii) other income?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : Railway earnings are maintained gauge-wise for each zonal railway and not State-wise or District-wise. The particulars asked for are, therefore, not available.

BSAR RAILWAY STATION

4436. **SHRI M. N. REDDY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers are experiencing great hardship and inconvenience for not having platform at Basar Railway Station on the M.G. Line between Kachiguda and Manmad Railway Stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper lighting and electricity connection at Basar Railway Station (District Adilabad State of Andhra Pradesh); and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No. There is already a rail-level platform at Basar Railway Station.

(b) Kerosene lamps are provided at the platform and station premises. There is no electricity at the station.

(c) It is proposed to raise the existing rail level platform to medium level platform at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,000/- in 1968-69, subject to availability of funds.

It is also proposed to electrify this station during the current year and Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board have been approached for power supply.

TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH EAST-EUROPEAN STATES

4437. **SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is correct to describe that trade agreements with East-European States as genuine rupee payment agreements;

(b) if so, why did they have to be revised after devaluation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the agreements stipulated the existing gold parity of the rupee as the basis for settlement and thus the balances had to be revalued because of this stipulation; and