

(ग) इन कम्पनियों या फर्मों में से प्रत्येक को कितने-कितने मूल्य का ठेका दिया गया ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) से (ग). इस तरह के लगभग 2 लाख ठेके प्रतिवर्ष दिये गये हैं। पांच वर्षों के सम्बन्ध में जो ब्यौरा मांगा गया है वह 13 रेलवे/उत्पादन यूनिटों से प्राप्त करना पड़ेगा। इसमें जो समय लगेगा और जो परिश्रम करना होगा उसे देखते हुए परिणाम कोई खास नहीं निकलेगा। फिर भी, 5000 रुपये से अधिक मूल्य की खरीदों का ब्यौरा इण्डियन ट्रेड जर्नल में प्रकाशित होता रहता है। यह जर्नल वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के वाणिज्यिक आसूचना और संख्यायन विभाग, कलकत्ता द्वारा हर सप्ताह जारी किया जाता है। यदि ठेकेदार समय के भीतर सप्लाई नहीं कर पाते तो संबंधित ठेके की शर्तों के अनुसार कार्रवाई की जाती है।

रेलवे के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारी

4597. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे के चतुर्थ श्रेणी कर्मचारियों जैसे सफाई कर्मचारियों, इंजिन कारखानों के कर्मचारियों और स्टेशन के प्रतीक्षागृहों के कर्मचारियों इत्यादि को बीकानेर डिवीजन के रिवाड़ी और उत्तर रेलवे के अलीगढ़ जंक्शन जैसे स्थानों पर 12 घण्टे तक काम करना पड़ता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) से (ग). सूचना मंगायी जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

MAINTENANCE IMPORTS

4598. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to link the release of foreign exchange for maintenance imports of priority industries with their exports;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme; and

(c) when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). No such proposal as the Hon'ble Member has in mind is being considered by Government. Priority industries have of course been consulted as to the ways and means of inducing or obliging them to increase their exports. Some steps have already been taken in this direction.

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN WEST BENGAL

4599. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway lines proposed by the West Bengal Government for inclusion in the Fourth Five Year Plan and their order of priority;

(b) whether Government propose to open a railway line keeping in view the need of development of West Bengal, and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) The West Bengal Government have recommended the following proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan :

- (i) Santragachi-Vishnupur
- (ii) Old Malda-Balurghat-Hilli
- (iii) Conversion of Barsoi-Radhikapur line from M.G. to B.G.

(b) and (c). Proposals for construction of new railway lines in the Fourth Five Year Plan have not been finalised yet. However, due to the tight financial position there is no chance of any of the proposals mentioned above being considered for inclusion in Fourth Plan.

INDUSTRIAL UNITS TO BE SET UP IN WEST BENGAL IN 1967-68

4600. SHRI B. K. DAS CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of Industrial Units proposed to be set up in West Bengal during 1967-68; and

(b) the actual assistance proposed to be given to West Bengal for the purpose during the said period?

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

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BHOPAL AND INDORE

4601. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a persistent demand from the people to have a line connecting Bhopal to Indore via Sehore, Ashta and Devas; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No representations have been received in this Ministry in the recent past for construction of the proposed line.

(b) Does not arise.

PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISES IN MADHYA PRADESH

4602. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Central Government to set up more public sector enterprises in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :

(a) No such request has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

ENGINEERING EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

4603. SHRI GEORGE FERNADES : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report prepared by the Engineering Export Promotion Council team that recently visited several foreign countries;

(b) whether the report makes very uncomplimentary references to the behaviour and dealings of the Indian exporters;

(c) whether it is reported that Kenya and perhaps the United States might invoke the Anti-Dumping Act against Indian exports to those countries because of the unethical conduct of the Indian exporters; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take against these exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has in mind the report of the Engineering Export Promotion Council on the working of the Council's foreign offices entitled Report No. 31, issued in 1965. This report has been received by Government.