

और हावड़ा-दामापुर यात्री गाड़ी में जोड़ दिया जायेगा ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उनके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (जी. व्ही. मु. पुनाचा):

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) नवम्बर और दिसम्बर, 1967 किये गये विश्लेषण से पता चला है कि मुनेर से पटना क्षेत्र के लिए इस गाड़ी से यात्रा करने वाले सभी दर्जों के सीधे जाने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या का दैनिक औसत एक से कम है । वतः एक सीधा त्वारी डिब्बा चलाने का औचित्य नहीं है ।

Import of Raw Materials or Small Scale Industries

64. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the needs of the imported raw materials in the small-scale sector of industries have been met since the announcement of the Import Trade Control Order;

(b) the percentage of capacity of this sector still lying idle for want of imported or scarce raw materials; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to bring about an improvement in the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tea Board Warehouses at Calcutta

65. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board's recommendation to run the new warehouse at Calcutta has since been received by Government;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

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

Export of Iron Ore

66. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal under consideration to promote the export of iron ore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government have set targets for achieving an export capacity of 25 million tonnes per annum by the end of the Fourth Plan. The schemes for expanding mining and railway capacity for achieving this target have been taken in hand. Mechanical ore loading facilities have been provided at some of the major ports. Where such facilities are not in existence, schemes have been taken up to speed for loading through mechanical process.

Licences for Manufacture of Tyres

67. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI BABURAO PATEL:
SHRI RAM CHARAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great shortage of scooter and motor-cycle tyres in the country driving all available stocks into the black-market;

(b) whether to supply the ever-increasing demand for these tyres,