

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 स्वारी 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,

Government propose to permit expansion of the present manufacturing units or encourage the establishment of new manufacturing units exclusively for these tyres;

(c) the number of tyres and value of scooter and motor cycle tyres required during the last 3 years and the demand likely in the next 3 years; and

(d) whether Government have any policy in regard to these tyres and if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Government are aware of the short-

age of scooter and motor cycle tyres in the country. Steps are being taken to augment the production of these tyres with a view to making them available to consumers at reasonable prices.

(b) The Automobile Tyre and Tube Industry has been removed recently from the banned list for the purpose of establishing further capacity for the manufacture of these tyres.

(c) The production of scooter and motor cycle tyres and their ex-factory value during the last three years is as under:

Year	Production of tyres for		Combined ex-factory value
	Scooters	Motor cycles	
1965 . . . . .	146,114	81,006	1,06,85,068
1966 . . . . .	150,858	72,747	1,20,98,653
1967 . . . . .	144,609	68,801	1,13,40,350

The demand for scooter and motor cycle tyres during 1968 is estimated to be 250,000 nos., and 85,000 nos., respectively. The demand is estimated to go up to 450,000 nos. and 150,000 nos., for the scooter and motor cycle tyres respectively.

(d) Automobile Tyre Industry is a priority industry and all encouragement is given to step up the production of these tyres.

**Small Car**

68. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:  
 SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY:  
 SHRI TULSIDAS JADHAV:  
 SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH:  
 SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:  
 SHRI MOHSIN:  
 SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA:  
 SHRI M. N. REDDY:  
 SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD:

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

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposal to manufacture small car in the public sector in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated value fixed for the same;

(c) the site proposed for the same; and

(d) the funds allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) The matter is still under consideration.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Passenger Amenities**

69. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide editorial amenities to the third class passengers during the current years;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to avoid over-crowding on