

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In line with Government's general policy to keep performance of exports under constant review and in the light of various views/representations including those of I.J.M.A., export duties have been reduced with effect from February 7, 1968 on some varieties of jute goods in order to make them more competitive in foreign markets.

#### Manufacture of Tractors

148. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand for power-tillers per year by 1970-71; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) 60,000 Nos. per annum.

(b) Four parties have been granted industrial licences for the manufacture of Power-Tillers for total capacity of 26,000 Nos. per annum. The schemes of three more parties for a total capacity of 37,000 Nos. per annum have also been approved in principle.

In order to foster more rapid development of the Power Tiller industry, this industry has recently been exempted from the operation of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

#### Retiring Room at Adoni Station on Southern Railway

150. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Retiring Rooms at

Adoni Railway Station on the Southern Railway (Andhra Pradesh) in view of the commercial importance of the place; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA: (a) and (b). There is no finalized proposal on hand at present for the construction of Retiring Rooms at Adoni station but a suggestion made by the Divisional Railways Users' Consultative Committee of Guntakal Division for the construction of three retiring rooms at this station is under consideration of the Southern Railway Administration.

#### Suriguppa-Kurnool Railway Line

151. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal for a new railway line from Suriguppa in Mysore State to Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh through Yemmiganur and Kodumur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed line was put in the list of railway lines to be surveyed in the Second Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the line was surveyed and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal in view of heavy traffic developed in the area?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In view of the limited funds and resources available for construction of new railway lines in the Fourth Plan, it will not be possible to consider this proposal in the near future.