

A statement giving the action taken on each item is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. I.T.—793/71].

(c) The Union, being not satisfied with the action taken, resorted to hunger strike on 26.6.71, which was withdrawn unconditionally on 27.6.71.

**Running of Faster Train from Howrah to Puri or Waltair on South-Eastern Railway**

6718. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a faster train from Howrah to Puri or Waltair on the South-Eastern Railway ; and

(b) if so, when the proposal will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, on the Howrah—Waltair Section.

(b) The first increase in speed is proposed to be brought in from April, 1972.

**Growth of Industrial Houses**

6719. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has made any study about abnormal growth of private indus-

tries of some big industrial houses like Birla, Tata and few others since independence of the country in relation to their properties of the past and the present ;

(b) the total capital of 14 big industrialists in 1947 and 1970 individually ; and

(c) the reason for their increase or decrease of capital ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDEHSHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). While the Government has not made any study of the growth of big business houses for the entire period of 1947-70, Inquiry Commissions set up by the Government from time to time have studied this problem. The Monopolies Inquiry Commission listed in its Report 75 Groups whose total assets were found to be not less than Rs. 75 crores in 1964. The Industrial Licensing Policy Inquiry Committee, which was appointed in 1967 to inquire into the working of the Industrial licensing system during the past ten years, has indicated in Appendix II A(1) of its report the assets position of these houses in 1966. The copies of these two Reports have already been laid on the Table of the House. A statement indicating assets of the top 14 Industrial Houses for the year 1963-64 (as per M.I.C. Report), as on 31st December 1966 (as per ILPIC Report) and as in 1967-68 according to a study made by an official of the Department of Company Affairs, in terms of individual Houses is also attached.

*Statement*

S. No.	Industrial Houses	Assets as per MIC Report 1963-64	Assets as per ILPIC Report (as on 31.12.66)	Assets in 1967-68
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Tata	417.72	505.36	584.63
2.	Birlas	292.72	457.84	575.60
3.	Martin Burn	149.61	153.06	174.29
4.	Bangur	77.91	104.31	124.88
5.	A. C. C.	77.36	89.10	105.84