

**Rajdhani Express between  
Delhi and Ahmedabad**

2114. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any  
proposal to run a Rajdhani Express  
between Delhi and Ahmedabad on Metre  
Gauge line;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) Ministry  
of Railways have accepted in principle  
the need for introduction of a Rajdhani  
Express between Delhi and Ahmedabad  
on Metre Gauge line.

(b) and (c). The introduction of this  
train would depend on the out-come of  
the feasibility studies, which are being  
carried out.

**Removal of Tariff Control on  
Paper Industry**

2115. SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether prices of blue match  
paper and other varieties of paper required  
for the match Industry were increased  
abnormally during the last two years  
because of the removal of tariff control  
on paper industry ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the removal  
of tariff control; and

(c) the steps taken by the Govern-  
ment to control the prices of blue match  
paper and other varieties ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVE-  
LOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR  
PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Statutory control  
on paper, including match paper was  
lifted in May 68. The prices of paper  
of different varieties are now up by  
about 20% over what they were in  
May '68.

The control was removed so as to  
encourage more paper production in the  
country. The Paper Industry requires  
fairly heavy investment, which was not  
forthcoming during the period of control.  
Also the supply position in 1968 was  
comparatively easy.

The Central Government has set up  
and *Ad-hoc* Paper Committee with  
representations of manufacturers, con-  
verters, users and of government to  
keep a constant watch on the situa-  
tion and to take such remedial  
measures as are called for in regard to  
manufacture, supply, prices and other  
connected aspects. This Committee has  
been meeting frequently and has taken  
suitable action as required.

**Expansion of Pinjore Unit of  
H. M. T.**

2116. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :  
SHRI D. K. PANDA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools  
Ltd., has planned for further expansion  
in Pinjore;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;  
and

(c) whether employment potential  
will also increase along with this expan-  
sion ?