

**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 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) A tractor project is proposed to be set up in the Pinjore Unit of Hindustan Machine Tools Limited during the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

(b) and (c). It is envisaged that the tractor project at full production would produce 12,000 'HMT-ZETOR' tractors valued at approximately Rs. 20 crores per annum, in technical collaboration with Messrs Motokov Foreign Trade Corporation, Praha (Czechoslovakia). The Company has taken up preparation of the Detailed Project Report. The investment in this project is expected to be of the order of Rs. 4.91 crores. The total number of persons estimated to be employed additionally in the project at full production in respect of this project will be known only after the Detailed Project Report is completed.

Talks between India and Pakistan of Farakka issue

2117. **SHRI H. M. PATEL :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India or Pakistan have taken any initiative to renew talks on the Farakka issue ; and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION & POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). In their communication in January, 1971, the Government of India suggested the holding of a meeting between India & Pakistan at the level of Secretaries. This has been agreed to by the Government of Pakistan. The date of the meeting has not yet been decided.

Price of Amul Baby Food

2118. **SHRI DINESH BHATTACHARYA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government were approached by the Amul Baby Food producers to increase the price of the baby food by about 8 per cent; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The firm have been authorised to increase the price of milk food for infants by 4% as an interim measure, pending further detailed examination.

Stealing of Copper Wire from Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking Godown

2119. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION & POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a case of theft of copper wire from the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking Godown at Rohtak Road, Delhi, was reported in the year 1968;

(b) whether any inquiry had been made and if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the persons found guilty ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION & POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Cables of various sizes totalling 935 meters were found missing from the drums in the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking godown at Rohtak Road on 6-12-1968.