

adjoining power systems. The progress of construction of inter-state and inter-regional transmission lines has been stepped up for this purpose. The Centre is also rendering assistance in overcoming the bottlenecks faced by the project authorities in the speedy completion of schemes for power generation and transmission.

Along term view of the power supply position has been taken and plans for the decade 1971-81 are being formulated for both generation as well as power transmission in consultation with the States.

#### **Closure of Mckenzie's Ltd., Bombay**

2714. SHRI RAJA KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of Mckenzie's Ltd. at Bombay, an engineering concern doing business in the manufacture of Railway Wagons, Forklift trucks and other machinery equipments; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take in view of loss of production and loss of jobs to thousands of workmen due to mismanagement of the company?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have already ordered on 3rd June, 1971, an investigation under section 15 of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951, into the affairs of the company.

#### **Railway Users' Committees**

2715. SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) for how long the Railway Users' Committees have been in existence in the various Railway Zones; and

(b) how many members are on these Committees and for what duration they are appointed on these Committees?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) and (b). Railway Users' Consultative Committees of different types have been functioning on the Railways at various levels for the last 12 to 18 years, as shown below:—

Name of Committee	Year since when functioning
(1) Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee	1953
(2) Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee ..	1953
(3) Railway Users' Amenities Committee ..	1956
(4) Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee ..	1956
(5) Time Table Committee ..	1956
(6) Catering Supervisory Committee ..	1956
(7) Bookstall Advisory Committee ..	1956
(8) Station Consultative Committee	1956
(9) Local Catering Advisory Committee ..	1959

The membership of the above Committees varies from 5, as in the case of Bookstall Advisory Committee on the Central Railway to 49 in the case of Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee on the Northern Railway. The members of these Committees are nominated for a period of two years at a time.

#### **Theft and Pilferage of Imported Goods meant for Nepal**

2716. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thefts and pilferages of imported goods meant for Nepal are occurring during transit in the Railways; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such thefts and pilferages?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) Yes, some cases have come to light.

(b) A statement is attached.