

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) In August, 1970.

(b) The estimated cost is Rs. 14.53 crores for broad gauge and Rs. 12.99 crores for metre gauge.

(c) The project is not financially remunerative. However, the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

New Railway Line from Hubli to Karwar in Mysore

311. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to conduct a survey from Hubli to Karwar in Mysore for introducing new railway line; and

(b) if so, when the work for the project is expected to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The surveys are yet to be completed. A decision regarding the project can be taken only after the survey report is examined from all angles. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate at this stage whether the project will be taken up and if so, when.

Orders for H.M.T. Products from U.S.A.

312. SHRI D. K. PANDA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. has received order for its products from U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the quantity and value of the orders ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., has

received a firm order for 80 Nos. of machine tools valued at Rs. 30 lakhs.

Assistance given to States for flood protection

313. SHRI SHAYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state;

(a) the amount asked for by each State for flood protection this year, and

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Central Government so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Under the procedure of Central assistance evolved for the Fourth Five Year Plan, earmarked Central assistance is not provided for the implementation of flood control measures. Central assistance is given to the State Governments for their various developmental schemes in the Plan including flood control in the shape of block loans and grants without tying them to any particular project or head of development.

Disputes over auction of Railway Materials

314. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of disputes arising out of the auction of Railway materials, which were taken to courts by the purchasers during the last three years; and

(b) the number of cases won by the Railway purchasers ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) 17 (Seventeen)

(b) 2 (Two).