

exported during the last three years is as follows :—

| Year | Quantity<br>(In thousand kgs.) |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1969 | 168,709                        |
| 1970 | 206,249                        |
| 1971 | 206,074                        |

(b) The principal countries to which tea is exported from India are United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., Afghanistan, Sudan, Arab Republic of Egypt, U.S.A., Irish Republic, Iraq, Poland, Canada, West Germany, Netherlands, Australia, Iran, Jordan, Tunisia and Yugoslavia.

Replacement of the old Compartment attached to 201 Up Ahmedabad Mail

307. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the compartment attached to 201 UP Ahmedabad Mail from Delhi to Okha is very old and the cushions are almost torn out ;

(b) whether Government propose to replace it by a new one ; and

(c) if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Improvement in Railway in South Gujarat

308. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve Railways in South Gujarat ;

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

(c) the amount earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) to (c). Railway statistics are maintained railway-wise and not state-wise or region-wise. However, a statement showing the list of major railway works in progress and those included in

1972-73 Budget, falling wholly or partly in the Gujarat State, is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3210/72]

Scheme to set up new power plants in Gujarat

309. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gujarat Government have submitted any scheme to establish new power projects ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had submitted the following two new power generation schemes :

(i) *North Gujarat Thermal Power Scheme*

The North Gujarat Thermal Scheme envisages installation of two generating units of 120 MW each now at Gandhinagar on the banks of Sabarmati river in Ahmedabad district primarily for meeting the growing demands for power in North Gujarat.

The Scheme was placed before the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration at its meeting held on the 8th February 1972 when it was found acceptable for an estimated cost of Rs. 45.62 crores. Subsequently, however, the Gujarat Electricity Board have intimated the change in location from the vicinity of Bhat village to Gandhinagar. The formal approval of Planning Commission is awaited.

(ii) *Kadana Pumped Storage Project*

The Kadana Pumped Storage Project envisaged utilisation of the regulated waters of Mahi River at an average head of about 43.5 metres (143 ft) created by the Kadana Dam for power generation. The Scheme has been planned as a combined type pumped-storage scheme so that contribution of the Scheme to the load carrying capacity would not be affected even under adverse