

imported, year-wise during the last three years;

(d) quantity and value of raw materials produced indigenously; and

(e) quantity and value of each category of raw material supplied to (1) large, (2) medium and (3) small units, year-wise, during the last three years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

#### **Shortage of Soda Ash in Small Scale Sector**

**9317. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the 'Soda Ash' an essential industrial raw material is not available in the open market while it is available in black market; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make it available to the genuine users and small scale sector?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) Question of a black market in soda ash does not arise as neither the price nor the distribution of this commodity is controlled.

(b) The soda ash manufacturers have been advised to make supplies direct to their established actual users on the basis of the best offtake in the last three years. Besides, imported soda ash is available to all actual users under the canalised im-

port policy. To make the country self-sufficient in soda ash, adequate further capacity has been approved so that together with the capacity installed, it totals 13.90 lakh tonnes/year as against the production target of about 9 lakh tonnes by the year 1978-79.

#### **Railways inability to move stocks to Steel Plants**

**9318. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether authorities of the Bharat Coking Coal have alleged that its production is improving, but the Railways are not able to move the stocks promptly to the Steel Plants; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Detention of Puri Express and Utkal Express by Hooligans at Balasore**

**9319. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Puri Express was detained on the 6th April night at Balasore by hooligans as a result of which the train was late by 5 hours and whether Utkal Express was also detained; and

(b) whether smugglers are regularly smuggling rice from Orissa to West Bengal by these trains?