

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the working of this undertaking?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. V. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The Project report for the Heavy Electrical Factory at Bhopal, envisaged losses being incurred in the first few years, upto the eleventh year of production. According to the latest estimate, the factory is expected to incur losses upto 1970-71. The losses are estimated as under:—

1967-68	Rs. 876 lakhs (loss)
1968-69	Rs. 697 lakhs (loss)
1969-70	Rs. 407 lakhs (loss)
1970-71	Rs. 145 lakhs (loss)

During 1971-72, the factory is expected to make a profit of Rs. 168 lakhs.

(c) The steps taken to improve the working of the undertaking are:—

- (i) Improving the manufacturing techniques and increasing output;
- (ii) having a stricter control over each item of expenditure; and
- (iii) by making effective use of plant and equipment and selecting ranges of manufacture which will give optimum return.

**Complaints regarding Expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant**

348. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Russian Chief Engineer incharge of the expansion project of Bhilai Steel Plant has publicly complained of unsatisfactory supplies of equipment from Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such supplies have been inadequate in both quantity and quality, thereby jeopardising the Bhilai expansion schedule; and

(c) whether any comprehensive inquiry has been held into the complaints and if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There have been some delay and deficiencies in indigenous supplies of plant and equipment etc. for Bhi'a's 6th Blast Furnace Complex. The defects were not very serious and have been rectified. This has not, however, held up construction work.

(c) Hindustan Steel Ltd. have taken necessary action with the suppliers to have the deficiencies rectified and the supplies expedited. Supplies have since improved.

**Suspension of Passenger Trains running between Lumding and Dibrugarh**

349. Shri Yas'raj Singh:  
Shri Ram Kishan:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether night running of passenger trains between Lumding and Dibrugarh in Upper Assam has been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) for how long this order will remain in force?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Consequent upon two explosions on the Lumding-Tinsukia Section of the Northeast Frontier Railway, one on 18-2-1967 resulting in derailment of a light engine between Kharikatia and Mariani and another on 2-3-67 resulting in derailment of a search-light special patrol train between Tita-bar and Kharikatia causing death of one Rakshak and injuries to five Rakshaks of escort party, night running (i.e. between 17.30 hours and 4.30 hours) of passenger trains has been suspended from 18-3-1967 between Lumding and Sapkehati only (and not between Lumding and Dibrugarh Town) in the interest of safety of passengers.