

(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 Sapokhati only (and not between Lumding and Dibrugarh Town) in the interest of safety of passengers.

(c) Till conditions in the area improve and running of trains is considered safe from the security point of view.

Murder in Bareilly-Agra Fast-Passenger Train

350. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a passenger in a second class compartment of the Bareilly-Agra fast-passenger (356 Dn) was stabbed to death during the early hours on 17-3-1967; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):† (a) Yes, On 16-3-67 (not on 17.3.67) at about 02-59 hrs. when 356 Down Passenger train arrived at Atrauli Road Railway Station, one passenger was found stabbed to death and another passenger seriously injured in a third class compartment of the train

(b) Government Railway Police, Moradabad, have registered a case on Crime No 115 dated 17-3-1967 under Sections 302,307 I P C. (Murder and Attempt to murder). The case is under police investigation. No arrests have been made so far.

Centrally sponsored Industries in Mysore State

351. Shri K Lakkappa: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any centrally sponsored industries in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, the progress made in each such industry?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri P. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

†The reply as printed above was sent by the Minister afterwards in substitution of the original reply.

बैतरना रेलवे स्टेशन

352. श्री बलकृष्ण : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे में नये रेलवे स्टेशन बैतरना का उद्घाटन किस तारीख को किया गया था;

(ख) किस तारीख से यात्रियों को टिकट बेंचे जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) इस समय इस स्टेशन पर कितनी यात्री गाड़ियां रुकती हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा):

(क) और (ख). बैतरना स्टेशन 20-2-1967 से यात्री-यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया था और उसी दिन से यात्रियों को टिकट बेंचे जा रहे हैं ।

(ग) बैतरना स्टेशन पर चार, अर्थात् दोनों ओर से आने वाली दो-दो सवारी गाड़िया ठहरती हैं ।

Export of Cycle Tyres and Tubes

353. Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri G. C. Naik:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri A. Dipa:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to export cycle tyres and tubes to U.S.A.;

(b) how much foreign exchange is likely to be earned in this deal; and

(c) how the rate of our cycle tyres and tubes compare with the world price of these commodities?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) One of the tyre companies in India has secured orders from the U.S.A. for supply of half a million tyres and tubes during 1967.