

(ब) 19-4-67 को लगभग 21.50 बजे न्यू कटनी डीजल लोको मण्डार के प्लेटफार्म पर पड़े हुए उन बक्सों में धाग देखी गयी जिन में डीजल रेल इंजनों के भारी प्रतिरिक्त पुर्जे पड़े हुए थे। चूंकि ये बक्स बहुत भारी थे और आकार में बहुत बड़े थे इसलिए इन्हें गोदाम में, जो पहले ही भरा हुआ था, नहीं रखा जा सका। डीजल लोको कर्मचारियों की की सहायता से डीजल लोको गेड में नियुक्त धाग बुझाने वाले कर्मचारियों ने धाग पर काबू पा लिया। कटनी मार्टीनेस फ़ैक्टरी का फायर ब्रिगेड भी सहायता के लिए पहुंच गया और 20-4-67 को 00.30 बजे तक धाग पूरी तरह से बुझा दी गयी।

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में प्रशासी अधिकारियों की जो जांच समिति नियुक्त की गयी थी वह किसी निश्चित परिणाम पर नहीं पहुंच पायी। इसलिए इस सम्बन्ध में धागे जांच करने के लिए यह मामला पुनिस प्राधिकारियों को सौंप दिया गया है।

Production of Woollen Yarn

1297. Shri E. K. Birla: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to achieve the Fourth Plan target for the production of woollen/worsted yarn and fabrics;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange required to import raw materials to achieve this target;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to work the woollen industry to its double shift capacity; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to evolve an Indian merino breed of sheep?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafiq Qureshi):

(a) With the steps being taken by the Department of Agriculture for improving the production of indigenous

wool in quantity and quality, it is expected that increased supplies of good Indian wool will be available; as for the requirements of imported raw wool, allocations of foreign exchange will be made to the extent possible, keeping in view the country's overall foreign exchange requirements.

(b) The total foreign exchange requirements for wool on the basis of 2-shift working, would be of the order of Rs. 22 crores per year after taking into account availability of indigenous man made fibres.

(c) The number of shifts worked by the industry would depend on the availability of raw materials which in turn would depend upon the availability of foreign exchange. It is also open to the industry to use Indian wool to meet part of its raw material requirements.

(d) Breeding trials with exotic sheep for evolving superior types of sheep yielding fine wool have been in progress for some years.

Collaboration with Australia

1298. Shri Ramachandra Veerappa: Shri N. K. Sanghi:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the three day Joint Survey by the Indo-Australian Officials, the Indian team suggested some collaboration programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the programmes which the Australian Government have agreed to consider?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafiq Qureshi):

(a) to (c). There was no Joint Survey by the Indo-Australian officials. Presumably the reference is to the Indo-Australian consultations which were held in New Delhi on April 12th to 14th in the Ministry of External