

**Freight Income from Transport of Iron and Manganese Ore from Goa**

6321. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total freight income from transport of iron and manganese ore from Colem, Calay and Curchozem stations in Goa, respectively during 1965-66 and 1966-67;

(b) whether there is any scope to earn more freight by placing more wagons at the disposal of the mine owners in Goa; and

(c) if so, the action being taken in the matter?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1135/67]

(b) and (c). All the demands for loading of ore from these three stations have been cleared currently. So question of increased earnings by giving more wagons does not arise.

**Income on Account of Goods and Passenger Fares**

6322. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total income of Railways on account of goods and passenger fares from all the stations situated in Goan territory since the Independence of that territory on the 19th December, 1961;

(b) the expenditure incurred on Railways' development works in that territory during the same period;

(c) whether Government are aware that people in Goa have a feeling that they have been neglected since Independence in every sector including Railways, though the mining business there has been instrumental in providing the country with substantial foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take in hand some major development works in Railway sector to satisfy the needs and aspirations of the Goan people?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Rs. 49.88 lakhs.

(c) and (d). Government are not aware of such a feeling. It is also not practicable to make plans for railway development area-wise and arrange that railway revenues collected in a particular area are spent on development works in the same area. Major development works are planned taking into account the needs of all areas in relative priority, and in accordance with the availability of resources. The Railway system in Goa area is adequate for the present requirements of traffic; further developments are planned as required.

**Manufacture of Machineries for Agricultural Purpose**

6423. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small tractors, small transplanting machines and small digging machines manufactured in India annually at present;

(b) the price of such machines vis-a-vis the larger ones; and

(c) when India would be self-sufficient on this score?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Small tractors below 20 HP are not being manufactured in the country at present. Power tillers (2-wheeled tractors) are, however, being manufactured by one unit in the private sector and the production of