

Quality of Passenger Cars

6488. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri Virendrakumar Shah:
Shri Mohan Prasad:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to enquire into the deterioration in the quality of passenger cars; and

(b) if so, its terms of reference and composition and when this Committee will submit its report?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Statutory Order No. 2373 dated the 11th July, 1967 containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1147/67].

Fall in the output of Bhilai Steel Plant

6489. Shri D. D. Jena:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(b) if so, the fall in the output re-Bhilai Steel Plant has been showing a fall in the output of iron and steel for sometime past;

(b) if so, the fall in the output registered during the last six months;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government to step up the production of iron and steel by the Bhilai Steel Plant?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chensu Reddy): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There has been a fall in the output of iron and steel products as the table below giving the production volume during the past six months will show:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June.
	(In Thousand Tonnes)					
Hot Metal	212	172	183	191	182	164
Ingot Steel	177	147	157	160	157	138
Blooms	141	116	108	123	124	105
Billets	86	62	51	71	72	59
Rails and Structurals	45	39	47	44	41	34
Merchant Products (as rolled)	36	30	32	28	25	21

(c) The main reasons for shortfall in production are:

(i) High stocks of saleable iron and steel due to general slump in the home market;

(ii) Frequent Railway and Port restrictions affecting off take of saleable products;

(iii) Capital repairs of Blooming

and Billet Mills during March 1967; and

(iv) Difficult labour situation during June 1967.

(d) Action to remove transport bottlenecks is already in hand. Strenuous efforts are also being made to step up exports of various steel items

Chaparmukh-Silghat Section of North-East Frontier Railway

6461. Shri Bedabrahma Barua: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lease granted to M/s Martin Burn & Company in regard to the running of the Chaparmukh-Silghat Section of the North-East Frontier Railway expires in 1968;

(b) whether this arrangement of granting leases has been very unsatisfactory to Government, company and the public; and

(c) whether Government propose to run this section after 1968?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Feensacha): (a) No, there is no such lease.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) Although this line is owned by the Chaparmukh-Silghat Railway Company Ltd. for whom Martin Burn and Co are the Managing Agents, the Chaparmukh-Silghat Section is being worked since its inception by the Government as a part of the North-east Frontier Railway under an agreement dated the 14th November 1918 between the Chaparmukh-Silghat Railway Co. and the then Secretary of State for India. Government will continue working the line after 1968 also.

बांधे का निर्माण

6462. श्री जट्टी : क्या प्राविण्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एक सरकारी विशेषज्ञ समिति ने चौबी पंचवर्षीय योजना के 30 करोड़ किलोग्राम चाय का निर्यात करने के निर्धारित लक्ष्य में 20 प्रतिशत कटौती करने की सिफारिश सरकार से की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उस समिति ने चौबी पंचवर्षीय योजना में चाय के उत्पादन के लिये निर्धारित 45 करोड़ 40 लाख किलोग्राम के लक्ष्य को कम करके 42 करोड़ किलोग्राम कर देने का सुझाव दिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो समिति ने ऐसा करने के क्या कारण बताये हैं तथा उनके बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ।

प्राविण्य मंत्री (श्री बिलेश सिंह) :

(क) तथा (ग). जी हां ।

(ख) तथा (घ). समिति ने चाब के उत्पादन तथा निर्यात के लिए जो संशोधित लक्ष्य सुझाये हैं वे उसके अपने अनुमान के अनुसार वर्तमान प्रक्षेपों और प्राविण्य की सम्भावनाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए 1970 तक प्राप्त निये जा सकते हैं। सरकार के विचार में चौबी योजना के मसौदे के अन्तर्गत योजना के अन्तर्गत की अपेक्षा संशोधित लक्ष्य अधिक सकारणरक हैं और उन्हें स्वीकार करने के लिए वह तैयार है ।