

(d) The Small Industries Service Institute, Indore, are working in close cooperation with the State Directorate of Industries to overcome the shortcomings of the small scale units and make them suitable to improve upon their skill and capacity.

#### Price of Cotton

4232. Shri Bhogendra Jha: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has recommended the withdrawal of statutory ceiling on prices of raw cotton and has suggested instead, a system of procurement prices for Government purchase of raw cotton;

(b) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has also suggested the long-term plan of Government entering the raw cotton trade, including imports, so as to acquire control over 20 per cent of the total supply of spinnable cotton in the country every year; and

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

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). The recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission on the raw cotton price policy for 1967-68 season are under consideration of the Government.

#### Halt Station between Jaynagar and Khajauli station

4234. Shri Bhogendra Jha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-Eastern Railway is considering a proposal to construct a halt station at village Korabis between Jaynagar and Khajauli stations of the N.E.R.; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). A proposal to construct a halt at Kor-

biya has been received and is under examination.

#### Derailement near Kamaredi

4235. Shri M. N. Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons derailed near Kamaredi about two years ago on Kacheguda-Mannad Metre Gauge Section on the South-Central Railway;

(b) whether the goods contained in the derailed wagons have been claimed and removed from the place of accident;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government propose to take against the callous and irresponsible attitude of the concerned officials?

The Minister of Railways. (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) On 1st February, 1966, at about 8.45 hrs., while No. 807 Down goods train was running between Talmadla and Kamaredi stations, 4 loaded wagons and 1 goods brakevan derailed and 14 loaded wagons and 1 empty oil tank capsized at kilometre 516/3-4.

(b) The contents unloaded from the derailed and capsized wagons were transported to Kamaredi by lorries, excepting one consignment of tiles, and were reloaded into wagons which were further despatched from 3rd February, 1966 to 9th February, 1966. The consignment of tiles booked to Nizamabad, which is near Kamaredi, was delivered at site on assessment on 11th February, 1966.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### Allotment of Wagons at Nizamabad Railway Station

4236. Shri M. N. Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board had received any complaint in April-May, 1967 from the Association of Beedi