

(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

Manufacturers of Nizamabad, District (A.P.) regarding gross irregularities in the matter of allotment of wagons in "E" series from Nizamabad Railway Station;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ease the situation; and

(c) whether any enquiry was instituted to find out the fraud committed by the concerned officials in this behalf?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes, in regard to supply of wagons for movement of Beedies from Nizamabad station.

(b) Steps have been taken for prompt clearance of Beedi traffic from Nizamabad. During the period from 1st January to 20th June, 1967, 42 wagons of Beedies were loaded at this station and as on 20th June, 1967, no demand for this traffic was pending. In fact, no demands were pending at the end of each month since March, 1967.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Production of Steel

4237. Shri Bedabrata Barua:  
Shri B. N. Shastri:  
Shri N. K. Sanghi:

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

(a) the production of Steel during 1966-67; and

(b) how this compares with the figures for the year 1965-66?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Production of Steel Ingots and finished Steel for the year 1965-66 and 1966-67 is given below:

(In thousand tonnes)

	1965-66	1966-67
Steel Ingots	6526.2	6595.8
Finished Steel	4509.3	4461.5

दुर्घटनाओं के बाद रेल वाहियों के झाड़वों को बहाल किया जाना

4238. श्री जगन्नाथ राव घोषी :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जिन झाड़वों से रेल दुर्घटनाएँ हो जाती हैं, उन्हें किन शर्तों पर बहाल किया जाता है तथा गत पाच वर्षों में पूर्वोत्तर, मध्य तथा पश्चिम रेलवे में ऐसे कितने झाड़वों का बहाल किया गया; और

(ख) उक्त रेलों में गत वर्षों से बरखा, लकड़ों के अभाव से उन झाड़वों की संख्या कितनी है, जिनका भविष्य निधि का तथा अन्य हिमाब-किताब उनका बरखा, स्तनी के तुरन्त बाद कर दिया गया था तथा उन झाड़वों की संख्या कितनी है जिनकी भविष्य निर्वाह का हिमाब-किताब नहीं किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री च० म० पुनाजा) :

(क) और (ख). मूचना मगार्या जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

सेल-कूद के सामान का आयात

4239. श्री जगन्नाथ राव घोषी :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) विदेशों की किन-किन फर्मों से गत पाच वर्षों में सेलकूद का सामान आयात किया गया,

(ख) सेलकूद के सामान पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च की गई,

(ग) क्या सरकार ने भी विदेशों को सेलकूद का सामान निर्यात किया है; और

(घ) यदि हा, तो तत्संबंधी थ्रीटा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री विनोद सिंह) :

(क) तथा (ख). जिन विदेशी फर्मों से बाल का आयात होता है उनको समझे बाले आयात प्राकट्टे रहे नहीं जाते। फिर भी