

ALLOCATION OF IMPORTED COTTON FOR U.P.

2754. SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of imported cotton that is given to U.P. per year ;

(b) whether the State Government have urged increase in the allocation of imported cotton to diversify the production of textiles ;

(c) whether the request of the State Government has been considered ; and

(d) if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Allotments of foreign cotton to textile mills in U.P. have been as follows :

Year	Bales
1962-63	5,105
1963-64	7,026
1964-65	6,228
1965-66	381
1966-67	22,884

(b) to (d). Cotton textile mills in U.P. contended in their representation to the U.P. Government that foreign cotton was denied to them on the ground that they were not 'traditional users' of the same. The State Government wrote to the Central Government on the subject. The basis for allotment of foreign cotton in the current season has already been revised. Foreign cotton is now allotted to mills on the basis of their working spindleage instead of their past consumption which was the basis adopted in the previous years. All mills have thus become eligible to receive allotment of foreign cotton.

CONSTRUCTION OF BOKARO STEEL PLANT

2755. SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :
SHRI D. N. DEB

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any compensation has been paid to the families who have been evacua-

ted due to acquisition of land for the Bokaro Steel Plant ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

LAYING OF RAILWAY LINES ON BORDERS

2757. SHRI AMRIT NAHATA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of railway lines laid on our borders after 1965 ; and

(b) whether Government contemplate laying down a railway line from Jaisalmer to Barmer ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) The following new railway lines in Border areas were either constructed, under construction or approved after 31-12-1965 :

(I) Lines Constructed :

1. *Madhopur-Kathua (in Punjab & J & K)*
(BG, 8.69 KMs, opened to traffic on 21-1-66)
2. *Pokaran-Jaisalmer (in Rajasthan)*
MG, 105 KMs, Departmental trains are running since 15-8-67, the line is expected to be opened to public traffic during this month).

(II) Lines under construction ;

1. *Hindumalkot-Sriganganagar (in Rajasthan)*
(BG, 27.56 KMs)
2. *Jhund-Kandla (in Gujarat)*
(BG, 230.84 KMs)

(III) Line approved for construction ;

1. *Kathua-Jammu Rail Link (in J & K)*
(BG, 80 KMs, Final Location Survey is in progress).

(b) No.