

SCHEDULED CASTES RAILWAYS EMPLOYEES

1959. **SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the N.F. Railway Administration has implemented the Railway Board's Circular L/No. E(SCT) 64CM15/4 dated 30th December, 1965 in regard to the Relaxation of Standards in favour of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes Railway employees;

(b) if so, the number of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes employees who appeared in the Departmental examination for promotion during 1965-67 ;

(c) the number of employees who secured qualified marks as required under Board's Circular for promotion ; and

(d) how many have been promoted and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) to (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

ALUMINIUM FACTORY IN MAHARASHTRA

1960. **SHRI RANE** : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Maharashtra had discussed with him the question of setting up of an Aluminium Factory in Maharashtra in the Fourth Plan period and, if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto ;

(b) the location of the factory and the annual capacity thereof ; and

(c) the total estimated cost of the factory and its percentage which will be borne by the Central and Maharashtra Governments ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Government of India have generally decided to implement the Koyna Aluminium Project which is included in the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan and are at present reviewing certain aspects of the project mainly relating to maximising the use of indigenous equipment and services.

(b) It is proposed to locate the plant at Ratnagiri (Maharashtra). The project will have a capacity of 50,000 tonnes per

annum of aluminium metal with supporting facilities for bauxite mining and alumina manufacture.

(c) The cost of the project excluding township is provisionally estimated at Rs. 68.88 crores. The project will be implemented by the Bharat Aluminium Company, a Central Government Undertaking and no percentage of the cost of the project will be borne by the State Government. The Maharashtra Government, however, will meet the cost of water and power supply arrangements outside the project, approach roads from harbour to plant site, widening highways etc.

RAILWAY QUARTERS AT SOMPUR STATION (S.C. RLY.)

1962. **SHRI S. A. AGADI** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8088 on the 4th August, 1967 and State :

(a) whether any further investigation has been made about the Railway staff quarters constructed at Sompur station between Gadag and Hospet on the South Central Railway ; and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The matter is still under investigation. The preliminary investigation made by Southern Railway however indicated that there was no defect either in the quality of construction or in the type design, though there might have been some error of judgement in deciding the depth of foundations.

CAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

1963. **SHRI P. N. SOLANKI** : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to a press report in the *Hindustan Times*, dated the 8th November, 1967 that the Union Government are greatly disappointed about the idle capacity of the industrial estates in the various States ;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking action to energise the industrial estates; and

(c) the response of the State Governments in this regard ?