

**CEMENT PLANT IN BANDA DISTRICT**

**2861. SHRI JAGESWAR YADAV :** Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a cement manufacturing plant in the Karanimanakpur area of Banda District in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the estimated cost thereof; and

(d) when the plant is likely to be set up ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**OVER-BRIDGE AT BANDA STATION**

**2862. SHRI JAGESWAR YADAV :** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an overbridge at Banda Station on the Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost thereof; and

(d) when the construction of the overbridge is likely to start ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) to (d). Presumably the reference is to the provision of foot over bridge, for the use of passengers at the station.

The work of providing an additional platform, together with a 8' wide foot over bridge to connect the new platform to the main platform has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.49 lakhs. The work on construction of platform and fabrication of steel work of the foot over bridge has commenced.

**ATTACHING OF BOGIE TO PURI-ASANSOL TRAIN**

**2863. SHRI RABI RAY :** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether, in view of the public pressure, there is a proposal to attach a bogie to the Puri-Asansol train exclusively for Rourkela that will be diverted from the said train at Kharagpur so as to meet the much-needed requirement of the people of Orissa; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**EXPORT OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS**

**2865. DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of **STEEL, MINES AND METALS** be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase the export of iron and steel products;

(b) whether there has been any improvement in the exports of these products in 1967-68 and if so, to what extent;

(c) the extent of increase likely in the export of iron and steel products, in 1968-69; and

(d) the total amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned in 1968-69 on account of the export of iron & steel products ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :**

(a) An Association of producers and exporters known as Steel Exporters Association has been set up for the promotion of exports. Government is encouraging survey teams to explore overseas markets for iron and steel. A team of steel Exporters Association is currently touring South East Asia for this purpose. A study of markets in USA was recently undertaken for light engineering products including steel. Hindustan Steel Ltd. have also surveyed a number of markets for their products.