

tries in the private sector in Kerala during the last two years; and

(b) the names of persons and firms to whom such licences have been issued?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) One.

(b) The licence, has been issued to Shri M. L. Gupta of M/s. Cochin Roller Flour Mills, Ernakulam.

DEATH OF RAILWAY GANGMEN

2877. SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :
SHRI B. K. MODAK :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2837 on the 1st December, 1967 and state :

(a) whether the information regarding the circumstances under which the six Railway gangmen died of suffocation has since been collected; and

(b) if not, the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The information was laid on the table of the Sabha. A copy of that statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-351/68].

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

2878. SHRI GANESH GHOSH
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

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

(a) the loss of stores and immovable properties which has taken place during the last three years from Durgapur Steel Plant and the value thereof;

(b) the number of times such losses thefts took place during the above period; and

(c) the total strength of the security staff and their cost of establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) Details of losses of stores and movable properties due to theft during the last three years and the value thereof are given below :—

Year	Amount of Loss
1964-65	Rs. 1,29,957.13
1965-66	Rs. 2,80,907.93
1966-67	Rs. 2,18,448.48

(b) Number of times such losses/thefts took place, during the above period are indicated below :—

1964-65	.. 138
1965-66	.. 156
1966-67 266

(c) The total strength of the security staff excluding the Fire Wing is 842 and their yearly cost of establishment is approximately Rs. twenty lakhs.

INDO-IRANIAN JOINT VENTURES

2879. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Iran have decided to exchange to explore possibilities of greater economic collaboration and for establishing joint ventures;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that he had a meeting in New Delhi on the 8th February, 1968 with the Iranian Minister of Economy;

(c) if so, the subjects discussed and the decision arrived at; and

(d) when the experts of India are likely to visit Iran?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (d). During the talks held in Tehran in November, 1967, between the representatives of the two countries, questions