

Waltair, Raipur and Katni has not been found either feasible or justified.

(ii) Five water taps have been provided on the platform at the station and there is also a permanent waterman for supplying water. During summer an additional waterman is also appointed. As the Goods shed is situated at the end of the platform of Khariar Road Station, members of the public visiting the Goods shed are freely making use of the facilities at the station platform. Further earthen pots have also been provided inside the Goods shed itself for the use of the public. The question of providing a separate water tap in the Goods shed is being examined.

(iv) Requisite accommodation exists in the Goods shed for stacking goods, both inward and outward. For the volume of traffic dealt with at this station at present, the existing arrangements are considered adequate.

Durgapur Project Limited

9913. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Durgapur Project Limited has decided to declare the entire staff of the Civil Engineering Department as surplus ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Import Substitution

9914. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any encouragement is given or likely to be given to the entrepreneurs and industrialists for producing goods which will substitute imports; and

(b) the extent to which self-sufficiency has already been achieved in this direction

till the end of 1967-68 and what are the prospects for the future?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) A scheme is already in operation to give awards to persons and institutions bringing forth practical suggestions and schemes for replacing imported material by indigenous substitutes.

(b) The drive for the import substitution is a continuous process and covers almost the entire gamut of industry. As a result of the organised measures taken it has been possible to achieve a sizeable reduction in the imports of components and raw materials etc. The extent of savings in foreign exchange during the year 1967 on this account have been estimated as Rs. 32 crores. It is expected that savings in foreign exchange as a result of import substitution measures will progressively increase from year to year.

Small Scale Industries

9915. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received by Government in connection with the demand of imported raw materials by small scale industries for producing goods required for indigenous markets; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. This problem is being faced only by units in the non-priority sector who are at present given Foreign Exchange at 20% of the cost of the installed machinery. There is no demand from the priority sector as their full requirement is being met.

(b) Due to overall foreign exchange shortage it has not been possible to meet in full the requirements of the non-priority small-scale sector.