

- (b) Yes.  
 (c) Yes, on 20.7.1967.

(d) Government are satisfied that the existing channels of promotion provided for the staff are adequate. A reply has been given to the representation.

**M/S Cooper Allen Co. of Kanpur**

9967. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Kanpur Industrial Workers' Association dated the 20th February, 1968 making certain serious allegations against the management of M/s Cooper Allen Company of Kanpur ;

(b) whether investigations have been instituted into these complaints ; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

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

(b) and (c). An inspection under Section 209(4) was ordered and the Inspector's report which has just been received is under study.

**Revision of Prices of Hindustan Steel Products**

9968. SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering up-ward revision of the price structure of Hindustan Steel products in view of the loss suffered by this undertaking ; and

(b) if so, what will be the basis of such revision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). At present prices are fixed by the Joint Plant Committee after decontrol with effect from 1st May, 1967.

**Rise in Price of Tea and Coffee sold at Railway Stalls**

9969. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an abnormal rise in the price of tea and coffee sold in tea stalls and restaurants at Railway Stations ; and

(b) if so, whether the above price rise is permanent or temporary on account of scarcity of sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). In view of the steep rise in the prices of ingredients like sugar, tea, coffee, milk, and staff costs etc., the selling prices of tea and coffee have been slightly increased with effect from 10.4.1968 and the revised prices compare favourably with the prices charged in catering establishments of similar standard outside Railway premises. The prices will be reviewed from time to time.

**Foreign Collaboration**

9970. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of companies in India which have foreign collaboration ;

(b) the capital of these Companies and the percentage of shares which India and foreign countries have in each ; and

(c) whether the foreign collaborators have been given the guarantee to get their profits in foreign exchange and if so, what are the rules therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) 2038 cases of foreign collaboration have been approved by Govt. during the years 1961 to 1967. [Out of this 709 cases involve foreign capital participation.

(b) The figures of total capital and foreign capital involved in these 709 cases have not been separately worked out. However, the Reserve Bank of India Bulletin January 1967 contains a detailed study of foreign investments in India. By

and large, minority foreign capital participation has been allowed in these cases.

(c) It is not Government's policy to place any restrictions on the remittance of profits earned by non-residents on their investment in India, provided the foreign investment has been duly approved. Such remittances are normally freely allowed subject to the payment of taxes and after completion of certain procedural formalities.

#### Shortage of Non-Ferrous Metals

9971. SHRI N. K. SOMANI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of industries are suffering as a result of acute shortage of non-ferrous metals notably copper and zinc ;

(b) whether Government have noted the UN report that every ton of steel needs

40 lbs. of copper and similar quantities of lead and zinc ; and

(c) the extent of gap between demands and availability by 1970-71 and steps to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The priority industries are, however, being allowed to import sufficient non-ferrous metals to meet their requirements and as such their production has not suffered due to shortage of these metals.

(b) It is not clear as to which U.N. report the Member is referring to. Attempts are, however, being made to locate and study the said report.

(c) The extent of gap between the demand as estimated earlier, and availability of different non-ferrous metals by 1970-71 is indicated below :—

Metal	Estimated demand	Internal production (including scrap availability)		Gap
		Production	Scrap availability	
(In tonnes)				
Aluminium	2,75,000	1,50,000	25,000	1,00,000
Copper	1,80,000	36,500	10,500	1,33,000
Zinc	1,17,000	38,000	7,100	72,000
Lead	1,26,000	3,000	5,000	1,18,000
Tin	9,900	—	—	9,900
Nickel	15,000	—	—	15,000

In connection with the formulation of the new Fourth Plan commencing from 1-4-69, the Planning Commission have set up Planning Groups for different industries including one on Non-Ferrous Metals. This group is presently engaged in working out the revised estimates of demand, indigenous availability etc. The above estimates are thus subject to review in the light of the recommendations of the Planning Group on Non-Ferrous Metals. The following steps are being taken to increase the indigenous production of non-ferrous metals :—

1. *Aluminium.* Installed capacity for

aluminium in the country at present is 115,800 tonnes per annum. A further capacity of 327,500 tonnes per annum (150,000 tonnes in the public sector and 177,500 tonnes in the private sector) is under various stages of implementation. It is likely to take the installed capacity to 443,300 tonnes per annum by 1972-73.

2. *Copper.* There is at present only one copper smelter in the country which produces about 9,000 tonnes of metals per annum based on the Singhbhum (Bihar) Copper deposits. This unit, which is in the private sector, has been granted a licence under the Industries Act to set