

separate company under the name and style of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Limited, was partly commissioned in 1963 when it was a part of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi.

(b) The Corporation has not made any profits since its inception. It incurred a loss of Rs. 2,08,24,167 in 1965-66 and Rs. 4,71,51,560 in 1966-67.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The increase in the total salary bill was due to payment of annual increments and increased Dearness Allowance to employees.

Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation

3840. SHRI C. C. DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prolonged depression in the economy of the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur, led Government to make a great deal of changes in the administration and production pattern of the plant more than a year ago without much success;

(b) whether the plant was installed at a cost of about Rs. 31 crores with U.S.S.R. collaboration and aimed at self-sufficiency and whether the fall in coal raising in subsequent years necessitated the evolution of a programme to diversify production; and

(c) whether the reasons for the short-fall in the production could be ascribed to lack of adequate demand for coal mining equipment, diversification in the programme of manufacture, delay in the receipt and commissioning of equipment and Low Labour utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (c). The Coal Mining Machinery Project was set up with Russian collaboration as part of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi and the estimated cost of the project was Rs. 31 crores. A separate Company under the name Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Limited, Durgapur, was incorporated in April, 1965

to implement this project. The project was set up to meet the estimated demand of about 76 million tonnes of coal for the 3rd Plan Period and rising to 136 million tonnes in the 4th Plan Period. The Plant was to build up a capacity of 45,000 tonnes of coal mining equipment in 1971-72 starting with 5,000 tonnes in 1965-66. However, due to lack of orders for the kind of equipment for the manufacture of which it was established caused by the down-ward revision of coal targets and the relatively slower pace of mechanisation of mines, it became necessary to diversify the production of the plant to keep it loaded. Such diversification necessitated administrative and organisational changes within the plant the results of which will be secured over a period of time. The actual physical production in the plant has been less than what was originally scheduled in the build up of its capacity and this is attributable partly to the diversification measures causing imbalances in some of the shops of the plant and partly to the relatively low level of productivity of the labour force. Corrective measures in regard to these have also been initiated by the introduction of incentive schemes, re-organisation of the technological departments etc.

RAILWAY YARD, CHAMAGRAM STATION

3841. SHRIMATI UMA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that from the yard of Chamagram Railway Station on the North-East Frontier Railway, huge quantities of iron, steel materials, foodgrains and other essential articles are being daily pilfered by large number of criminals with the knowledge of the Railway Protection Force men and officers on duty; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Chief Security Officer, Railway Protection Force, on the North-East Frontier Railway to prevent the theft?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No. There has been no theft of iron and steel materials during 1966 and 1967. Only 3 cases of yard thefts have been reported in 1967 as against 2 in 1966. As regards

theft of foodgrains, 10 cases were reported in 1967 as against 5 in 1966.

(b) The following preventive measures are taken :—

- (i) Armed patrolling by Police and R.P.F. personnel on the affected area has been introduced;
- (ii) Trains carrying food stuff and other essential goods are escorted; and
- (iii) State authorities have deputed Force at vulnerable stations in West Bengal portion to prevent smuggling of rice and apprehend smugglers and smuggled rice.

आटा तथा मैदा मिल

3842. श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विभिन्न राज्यों में जाजू फर्म की आटा तथा मैदा की कितनी मिलें हैं;

(ख) प्रत्येक मिल कब स्थापित की गई थी, कितनी मिलें केन्द्रीय सरकार की पूर्व अनुमति से स्थापित की गई थीं और कितनी मिलों के स्थापित होने के बाद अनुमति ली गई थी;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि आसाम आटा मिल्स को 20 टन गेहूं का कोटा दिया गया था जिसे बाद में बढ़ा कर 70 टन और फिर 100 टन कर दिया गया था और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या इस मिल के विरुद्ध भूतपूर्व गृह मंत्री को कोई जापन अथवा शिकायत की गई थी और यदि हां, तो इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) विभिन्न राज्यों में ऐसी 8 आटा मिलें हैं जिनमें जाजूओं का कुछ हिस्सा है।

(ख) इनमें से तीन कारखानों को क्रमशः 1959, 1966 और 1967 में लाइसेंस दिये गये थे और एक की स्थापना के लिए

सरकार द्वारा अनुमति दे दी गई थी। शेष को उद्योग (विकास तथा विनियमन) अधिनियम के अधीन लाइसेंस नहीं दिया गया है।

(ग) मैसर्स आसाम फ्लोर मिल्स गोहाटी को एक पाली के आधार पर 60 मी० टन प्रति-दिन की क्षमता के लिए लाइसेंस दे दिया गया है।

(घ) हमें ऐसी कोई भी जानकारी नहीं है।

स्वयं चालित यंत्रों से रेल गाड़ियों को रोकना

3843. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोक्त रेलवे के महाप्रबन्धक को महेंद्र (पटना) से स्वयंचालित यंत्रों से रेलगाड़ियों को रोकने के बारे में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) क्या उसने यह दावा किया है कि वह इस यंत्र से एक ही लाइन पर दो ओर से आने वाली दो रेलगाड़ियों को रोक सकता है और दोनों रेलगाड़ियों में कोई टक्कर नहीं होगी; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इस यंत्र की कार्यकुशलता का पता करने का है ताकि रेलवे दुर्घटनाओं को रोका जा सके ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). सवाल नहीं उठता।

STEEL PLANT IN HARYANA

3844. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish a steel plant in Haryana State :

(b) if so, the site selected for the same; and

(c) the amount allocated for the same ?