

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Information regarding State-wise break-up of the export of manganese ore is not available. However, the despatches (railments) of manganese ore for export from Orissa in 1961 to 1964 were as follows:

1961	170,776 tonnes
1962	102,494 "
1963	97,826 "
1964	202,520 "

The despatches in 1962 and 1963 from Orissa were less than the despatches in 1961 and 1964. However, the production of manganese ore in Orissa was the highest in 1962 in the four year period 1961 to 1964, as given below:

Year	Production
1961	3,90,383 tonnes
1962	4,60,510 "
1963	3,69,585 "
1964	3,92,523 "

It has been reported that the slight fall in 1963 was due to a slump in the market, lack of railway siding facilities and inadequate supply of wagons to the mine owners and not due to any distraint proceedings taken against the lessees.

(b) Does not arise.

Passenger Amenities

2851. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the passenger amenities proposed to be provided at the Railway Stations between Bhadrak to Khurda Road on South-Eastern Railway during 1965-66; and

(b) the total amount sanctioned in this behalf?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) and (b). It is programmed to undertake the electrification of Retang station during 1965-66 at a cost of Rs. 6,000.

In addition to the above, following amenities have been provided in the recently opened new station building at Bhubaneswar costing Rs. 7.56 lakhs

- (1) Passenger platform.
- (2) Approach Road.
- (3) 3rd class waiting hall for men and women with lavatories.
- (4) Upper class waiting room for Gents and Ladies with lavatories.
- (5) Refreshment rooms including kitchen, pantry, stores and canteen.

Electrification of Stations on S.E. Railway

2852. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the names of stations on the South-Eastern Railway between Khurda Road to Bhadrak proposed to be electrified during 1965-66?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): Mancheswar and Retang.

Exhibition at Durgapur

2853. Dr. Saradish Roy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways took part in an exhibition at Durgapur in the annual Congress Session in January last;

(b) if so, the total cost incurred in the exhibition and the benefit derived therefrom; and

(c) whether Railways ever took part in the exhibitions organised by