

(b) if so, when Government propose to lay a copy of the Report on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Report of the Committee is expected to be signed towards the end of February, 1968 and submitted to Government shortly thereafter. Printed copies of the Report will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Quarters at Sompur Railway Station

1365. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1962 on the 24th November, 1967 and state:

(a) the details and the results of investigation made about the defective construction of quarters at Sompur Railway Station in Gadag-Hospet Section, South Central Railway;

(b) the number of quarters found unfit for dwelling and vacated; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) The detailed investigations have revealed that the quarters were founded in black cotton soil of vicious type of more than 15' deep in the year 1961-62. Rail raft foundations of approved type were provided at 3'-5" below the ground level. Uneven settlement of the foundation had taken place due to variation in the moisture content of the soil during different seasons of the year. This had caused certain cracks in the walls.

(b) Nine.

(c) Thorough repairs to these quarters have since been completed, and the quarters have been reoccupied by staff.

Special Train from Hubli to Secunderabad, for All-India Congress Session

1366. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special train was run from Hubli to Secunderabad for the All-India Congress Session held in 1968;

(b) if so, the number of bogies of each Class attached and the number of passengers booked for that special train from the various stations to Secunderabad destination;

(c) whether any previous announcement about the special train appeared in the local papers; and

(d) if so, the number of days or hours before the departure of the special train ex-Hubli?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

1367. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. has increased or decreased during the years 1966 and 1967;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the decrease in production, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). Production in 1965, 1966 and 1967 was as follows:

1965	Rs. 9.62 Crores
1966	Rs. 11.01 Crores - Increase
1967	Rs. 9.98 Crores - Decrease