

schemes for the development of sericulture in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1964-65;

(b) the reasons for the slow progress made in the implementation of the schemes; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Silk Board in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) Rs. 11.23 lakhs as against an allocation of Rs. 20.13 lakhs.

(b) The reasons for slow progress in the implementation of the schemes are as under:—

- (i) Delays in the acquisition of land;
- (ii) Delay in the construction of buildings by the State Public Works Department;
- (iii) Administrative delays in sanctioning the schemes by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (iv) Adverse weather conditions during the year.

(c) The Central Silk Board took the following action:—

(i) The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Board wrote to the State Minister of Sericulture drawing his attention to the slow progress in the implementation of the schemes.

(ii) The Vice-Chairman of the Board convened a special meeting of the Members of Parliament from Jammu & Kashmir on 28-3-1965 and brought to their notice the poor performance of the State in the utilisation of funds for the development of Sericulture Industry.

(iii) The Board has recently set up a Liaison Office at Srinagar with a view to maintaining close contacts with the State Authorities for speedy implementation of the Sericultural Schemes.

(iv) The technical officers of the Board also periodically visit the State in order to watch the progress.

Chik-Ballapur-Kolar-Bangalore Railway Line

929. Shri Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the Chik-Ballapur-Kolar-Bangalore narrow gauge railway line was laid;

(b) whether there is a proposal to replace the same by a broad gauge railway line; and

(c) if so, when and estimated outlay involved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) Bangarpet-Kolar-Chik-Ballapur section was opened to traffic in stages in the years 1913—1916. The Chik-Ballapur-Bangalore section was opened to traffic in stages in the years 1915—18.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Tin Plates

930. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirements of tin plates for containers in India;

(b) whether it can be met from the local production;

(c) if not, the other sources of supply; and

(d) whether Government anticipate rise in the price of tinned food due to the inadequate supply of tin plates?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Truck-Train Collision at Jehanabad

931. { **Shri A. P. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. B. Chakraverti:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a