

(b) how many of the above manufacturing units are working on technical "know-how" secured from abroad either by outright purchase or on payment of royalty or by technical/financial collaboration with foreign firms;

(c) the number and names of manufacturers, who are developing indigenous technical know-how;

(d) whether Government will lay on the Table a list of applications received during the last 5 years together with the dates on which the applications were submitted and the dates of sanction of the licences; and

(e) the amount paid in (i) Indian currency, and (ii) in foreign exchange, during the last 10 years on account of royalty for technical "know-how" secured from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Statement (I) is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-623/68]

(d) Statement (II) is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-623/68]

(e) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DIRECT TRAIN FROM COCHIN TO BOMBAY

5370. SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :
SHRI VISHWANATHA MENON :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations that a daily direct Cochin-Bombay train should be started immediately; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under examination, the limiting factors in coming to a final decision being want of spare line capacity over a large portion of this

route and paucity of the requisite coaching stock.

STOCK OF YARN

5371. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large stocks of yarn have accumulated in the country due to the poor off take;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Cotton Mills Federation have decided to close 150 spinning units for a fortnight;

(c) if so, the number of workers likely to be affected; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Compared to earlier months stocks of yarn since December 1967 have been somewhat higher.

(b) Government is not aware of any such decision.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The excise reliefs proposed in the Budget on bank yarn, less than 34 new French counts and adjustment of duty on cotton yarn in respect of certain types of sized yarn (cotton) are expected to step up purchases of yarn. Besides, measures to assist exports of Indian yarn to foreign countries are being taken by Indian Cotton Mills Federation and the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

खजुराहो के लिए लिए रेलवे लाइन

5372. श्री जोगेश्वर यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खजुराहो में जो कि एक ऐतिहासिक स्थान है एक हवाई अड्डा है किन्तु वह किसी रेलवे लाइन से जुड़ा हुआ नहीं है;

(ख) क्या वहां रेल की सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने के लिये इस स्थान को रेल गाड़ी से मिलाने के लिये एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का विचार है;

(ग) क्या मध्य रेलवे की झांसी-मानिकपुर लाइन पर हरपालपर स्टेशन से मध्य रेलवे में बारगढ़ तक बरास्ता खजुराहो, पन्ना अजयगढ़, नारायणी, अटारी, बोबेर, कामसिन तथा राजापुर एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने के लिये कार्यवाही करने का विचार है;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि नारायणी, अटारी, बाबेर कामसिन तथा राजापुर को मिलाने वाली एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने के लिये सर्वेक्षण किया जा चुका है और यह लाइन अलाभप्रद मानी जाने के कारण बिछाई नहीं गई; और

(ङ) क्या इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि यह रेलवे लाइन बांदा जिले के चावल पैदा करने वाले सभी क्षेत्रों में से गुजरेगी और लाभप्रद सिद्ध होगी इस रेलवे लाइन को बिछाया जायेगा ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) फिलहाल खजुराहो तक कोई रेलवे लाइन नहीं है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) और (ङ). पिछले सर्वेक्षण से पता चला था कि यह लाइन अलाभप्रद रहेगी । वर्तमान वित्तीय कठिनाइयों में इस लाइन के निर्माण पर विचार करना संभव नहीं है ।

REPRESENTATION TO M.P.S ON TEA BOARD

5373. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three seats reserved for Members of Parliament on the Tea Board are lying vacant; and

(b) if so, when they are likely to be filled up ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT OF NEWSPRINT BY THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION

5374. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation propose to import a huge quantity of newsprint during the year 1968-69;

(b) the names of countries from whom imports are to be made and the quantity to be imported from each;

(c) whether any agreements have been signed to this effect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The S.T.C. proposes to import about 1,20,000 M. Tons of newsprint during 1968-69.

(b) The countries from which imports are proposed to be made and the quantities up to which newsprint could be imported from each of them are indicated below. Actual purchases will, however, be so arranged as not to exceed the limit of 1,20,000 tons of newsprint proposed to be imported :—

S. No.	Name of the Country	Qty. in M. Tons
1.	Canada	41,000
2.	Scandinavian countries	11,500
3.	U.S.S.R.	52,500
4.	Poland	4,000
5.	Czechoslovakia	6,000
6.	U.S.A.	17,000
TOTAL :		1,32,000

(c) Agreements have been signed by the S.T.C. so far for import of 52,500 metric tons of newsprint from USSR and 20,000 metric tons of newsprint from Canada.

(d) the price of USSR newsprint is Rs. 1,082.00 per metric tonne c.i.f. (Stevedoring to Buyer's account) plus Rs. 52.50 paise as surcharge for shipment via Cape of Good-Hope and of Canadian Newsprint 158 C\$ c.i.f. The delivery period is April, 1968 to March, 1969.