

ment to establish a second Broad Gauge outlet for the North-east Frontier Railway to the Sahibganj loop of the Eastern Railway through Manihari Ghat;

(b) if so, Government's decision thereon; and

(c) the estimated cost of the proposed scheme?

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

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of Baby Food

2265. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Companies which have applied for licences for importing baby food from abroad during this year so far; and

(b) the names of the Companies which have been given such licences?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No application for the import of "Baby Food" as such has been received during the current licensing period upto the 13th November 1965. However, applications for special licences from 79 parties in Goa have been received for import of "Milk Powdered and Condensed, including that intended for infant feeding."

(b) The names of the parties to whom the special licences have been granted are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5383/65].

Manufacture of Scooters

2266. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation has applied for an industrial licence

for the manufacture of scooters with a capacity of 60,000 scooters per year; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is for the setting up of a factory at Hyderabad in collaboration with a foreign party. It would involve a foreign exchange expenditure of Rs. 2.5 crores for import of capital equipment and about Rs. 1 crore per annum for the import of components and raw materials.

Farakka-Khajuriaghat Ferry

2267. Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Shri Warrior:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether by the opening of the broad gauge Assam Link Line from Siliguri to Jogighopa on North-east Frontier Railway to goods traffic, increased goods traffic to the extent of 1,000 wagons per day would be moved on this line and whether Farakka-Khajuriaghat Ferry will be capable of bearing the burden of carrying such large-scale traffic; and

(b) if not, what alternative arrangements for the movement of goods over the Ganges is contemplated?

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

(a) The capacity of the Farakka-Khajuriaghat ferry has only very recently been raised from 250 to 400 Broad Gauge wagons per day. After the Farakka barrage and the through rail link thereon are completed, it will be possible to move roughly 600 Broad Gauge wagons, each way every day. This will be in addition to the passenger traffic.

(b) The increased ferry capacity of 400 wagons per day along with the