

Employees of Railway Commercial Department

1348. **Shri Vishram Prasad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the same category in the Commercial Department of Indian Railways get different scales of pay, e.g., Chief Commercial Inspector Rs. 450—550, Catering Chief Inspector Rs. 370—450, Senior Commercial Inspector Rs. 335—450, and Catering Inspector Rs. 250—380;

(b) if so, the reasons for this disparity; and

(c) whether Government propose to make their scales of pay uniform?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Medical Equipment

1349. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to produce the costly medical equipment which is at present being imported, in the country itself; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A number of units, including one in the Public Sector, are producing medical equipment in the country. Recently certain firms have been permitted to undertake the manufacture of costly equipment such as Electrocardiograph, Card oscoscope, Diathermies, Anaesthesia and Physiotherapy equipment.

Manufacture of Paper and Cement in Assam

1350. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri N. R. Askar:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to set up two plants in the public sector for the manufacture of paper and cement in Assam; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) and (b). The Government of Assam are putting up a cement factory at Cherrapunji in the Khasi and Jaintia hills with an annual capacity of about 84,000 tonnes. Plant from Yugoslavia has already been imported and erection work is in progress. The factory is expected to be commissioned in 1966.

No decision to set up a paper factory has so far been taken by the Government of India, but some proposals are now under examination.

Manufacture of Electrodes

1351. **Shri Mohammad Elias:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of each industry producing the following materials:

- (a) electrodes-arc Welding and others;
- (b) gases like oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, argon, dissolved acetylene and rare gases;
- (c) core wire and wires required for arc welding electrodes;
- (d) gas welding and metal cutting equipments;

(b) the total production of different materials stated above by each industry during the first Five Years; and

(c) the total consumption of the above materials in the (i) private sector and (ii) public sector?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

H.M.T. Limited

1353. Shri Kolla Venkalah: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the idle capacity of the H.M.T. Watch Unit during the first nine months of 1965;

(b) the reasons for this idle capacity;

(c) whether the manufacture of the high precision and general purpose lathe has been transferred from the fifth unit of H.M.T. near Hyderabad to some other unit; and

(d) if so, to which unit and the reasons for the transfer?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) and (b). The production in the Watch Unit for period from January to September, 1965 was 157,147 numbers against a target of 225,000 numbers. The shortfall is due to non-availability of sufficient foreign exchange for the import of essential raw materials and components.

(c) and (d). According to the programme of the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., manufacture of high precision and general purpose lathes is to be undertaken at the Kalamassery (Kerala) factory of the company. This question does not, therefore,

arise. The Hyderabad unit which is still under construction is designed for the manufacture of special purpose machines and transfer lines, gear manufacturing machines, boring machines, etc.

Industrial Estate in Kerala

1354. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warlor:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an industrial estate at Sheralai in Kerala State;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure for the same; and

(c) when the industrial estate will be constructed?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Cement Factory in Mirzapur District

1355. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new cement factory is going to be established at Dala in Mirzapur district; and

(b) if so, its production capacity and the estimated cost?

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

(b) The production capacity is 400,000 tonnes per annum and the estimated cost is Rs. 7.4 crores.