

(c) whether the matter has been investigated; and

(d) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (d). An engineer of the Heavy Electricals (India) Limited, Bhopal, was killed on the 23rd October, 1965, while on duty, as a result of being struck by a pledge hammer. The matter is under investigation by the police.

Bharat Electronics, Bangalore

**1388. Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Naradma Reddy:**

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

(a) whether radio valves manufactured by the Bharat Electronics at Bangalore are not available in Delhi at controlled rates;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to check the profiteering in the sale of valves; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Minister of Industry and supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) No, Sir. Messrs. Bharat Electronics Ltd., have appointed distributors in Delhi to sell BEL valves through their dealers at BEL fixed prices. These prices are published in papers from time to time for general information of public.

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

Import of Air-conditioned Machinery for Coaches

1389. Shri M. S. Murti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air-conditioned machinery for coaches is being imported from Japan;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed with any Japanese firm; and

(c) the details thereof?

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

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

Production of Starch

**1390. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Kindar Lal:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a U.S. firm has agreed to help to develop a starch factory in India which will convert waste agricultural products into industrial uses; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. M/s. Pan Alliance Corporation of U.S.A. are collaborating with the Indian firm M/s. Cassava Starch Products Ltd. for setting up a unit for manufacture of starch and dextrose powder from tapioca. An industrial licence has been issued to the Indian firm.

12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED COLLISION AT SAGAU LI STATION OF NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

श्री हुकम चन्द्र कछवाय (देवास) :
ग्रह्यस्त महोदय मैं अखिलभारतीय लोक सत्रत्व के निम्नलिखित विषय की शीघ्र रेलवे मंत्री का ध्यान दिलाता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वे इस बारे में एक बतव्य हों :—

"14 नवम्बर 1965 को पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के सगौली स्टेशन पर एक मालगाड़ी और एक रेलवे इंजन के हुई बीच टक्कर का