

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) and (b). There is no proposal to transfer the Production Centres to private management. The possibility of reorganising these Centres with a view to making them economically viable had, however, been under consideration of the Government of India for some time. The possibility of setting up a public sector unit to run these Centres was also examined but at the moment there is no proposal to alter the existing set-up under which the Production Centres are part of the Organisation of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, in the Government of India, Ministry of Industry.

The Government of India took a decision some time ago to transfer the Extension Centres in various States to the respective States Governments. This decision will be given effect to in the beginning of the 4th Plan. The Production Centres and the Extension Centres in Kerala will not, however, be handed over to private parties.

#### **Railway Quarters in Olavakkot Division**

**919. Shri Daji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the permanent employees of the Railways in the Olavakkot Division, Southern Railway, have been provided with quarters;

(b) if not, the percentage of employees not provided with quarters; and

(c) when the Administration would be able to provide quarters for all the permanent employees?

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

(b) About 55 per cent.  
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(c) Provision of residential quarters is being done on a programmed basis, subject to availability of funds. Preference has to be obviously given to the housing of essential Railway staff.

#### **Metro Gauge Zone**

**920. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish a metro gauge zone in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) There is no proposal for creation of a separate Metro Gauge Zone under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no pressing administrative or operational need to carve out a separate Metro Gauge Zone.

#### **Koyna and Korba Aluminium Project**

**921. Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:  
Shri Himatsingka:  
Shri Narayan Reddy:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Vahwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri E. S. Pandey:  
Shri Ravindra Varma:  
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations have started for Hungarian and Russian aid for

setting up the Koyna and Korba aluminium projects by the Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd.;

(b) whether any consultancy agreement has been signed with the West German firm for the Koyna Project; and

(c) if so, when this was done and whether the detailed project report was obtained within three months of the Agreement?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) For the present, the Koyna Aluminium Project only has been assigned to Bharat Aluminium Company (Private) Limited for implementation. Technical and financial assistance for this Project will be available from West German and other European countries.

The Korba Aluminium Project, which will also be assigned to Bharat Aluminium Company (Private) Limited in due course, will be implemented with the Hungarian and U.S.S.R. technical and financial assistance; an agreement has been concluded with the concerned Hungarian Organisation for preparation of a detailed project report for the alumina plant. Certain parts of this project will however be prepared by the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, a Central Government Undertaking. Hungarian financial assistance will be available for this part of the project.

The project report for the smelter and fabrication units of the project is proposed to be prepared by the concerned U.S.S.R. Organisation; negotiations in this respect as well as in respect of financial assistance are under way.

(b) and (c). An agreement was signed on 6-1-1966 between Bharat Aluminium Company (Private) Limited and Messrs. VEREINIGTE ALUMINIUM-WERKE AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT of West Germany. The

project report will be submitted by Messrs. VEREINIGTE ALUMINIUM-WERKE AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT to Bharat Aluminium Company (Private) Limited three months after the return of West German experts who came to India following the signing of the agreement for collection of necessary data. The project report is due to be received by the middle of 1966.

#### **Introduction of Express and Mail Trains**

**Shri Subodh Hanota:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Asaf:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce new Express and Mail trains in different zones from the next Time Table;

(b) if so, in which sections such trains will be introduced; and

(c) whether the speed of the new as well as existing trains will also be accelerated from the next Time Table?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). Yes, it is proposed to introduce new Express trains in the time table to come into force from 1-4-66 as under:

#### **Broad Gauge**

- (i) An Express train between Madras and Hyderabad.
- (ii) An Express train between Madras and Cochin Harbour Terminus.
- (iii) An Express train between Madras and Howrah—this will run in lieu of an existing passenger train between Khurda Road and Howrah and from the same date existing Madras-Howrah Expresses will be converted into Janata Expresses.