

Railways Wagon Factory at Raipur

988. Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Balmiki;
 Shri Bagri;
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Railway Wagon Factory at Raipur is going on according to the schedule;

(b) when production will start in this factory; and

(c) when the full-rated production will be achieved there?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) December, 1967.

(c) December, 1969.

Foundry Forge Project at Hardwar

989. Shri Balmiki;
 Shri Subodh Hansda;
 Shri S. C. Samanta;
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad;
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
 Shri P. C. Borooah;
 Shri Bagri;
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia;
 Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavaia;
 Shri Bade;
 Shri R. S. Pandey;
 Shri Ravindra Varma;
 Shri Rajeshwar Patel:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Foundry Forge Project at Hardwar;

(b) the country with which the collaboration has been accepted by Government; and

(c) the details of the project and the funds allotted for the same?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) to (c). A Foundry

Forge Project with an annual capacity of 15,000 tonnes each of specialised steel castings and steel forgings mainly required for heavy electrical equipment is proposed to be set up at Hardwar. The estimated capital cost of the project is about Rs. 21 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 6.3 crores. The value of the estimated output at full production would be about Rs. 13.5 crores. Proposals regarding collaboration arrangement are under the consideration of the Government of India.

Closure of Woollen Mills in Amritsar

990. Shri Bade;
 Shri Yashpal Singh;
 Shri Balmiki;
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa;
 Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavaia;
 Shri P. C. Borooah;
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad;
 Shri Subodh Hansda;
 Shri S. C. Samanta;
 Shri Bagri;
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia;
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav;
 Shri Maheswar Naik;
 Shri Mohammad Elias;
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena;
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several woollen mills have been closed due to the shortage of imported raw material;

(b) if so, the number of workers rendered unemployed due to such closure; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):

(a) to (c). As a result of the shortage of imported wool and consequent reduction of foreign exchange allocation, a number of composite Woollen Mills are reported to have cut down

their production and some employees are reported to have been retrenched. In order to give relief to Woollen Mills, Government have permitted them to utilise 50 per cent of their installed capacity for production of fabrics made out of man-made fibre/yarn. The mills are also trying to utilise indigenous wool to a larger extent to improve the raw material supply.

H.E.L., Bhopal

991. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production in Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal has gone up and if so, to what extent; and

(b) how does the production figures of 1965 compare with those of 1964?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). The actual production of Heavy Electricals (India) Ltd., Bhopal, during 1965 was Rs. 720.39 lakhs worth as against Rs. 434.58 lakhs worth during 1964.

Textile Mills in Maharashtra

992. Shri R. G. Dubey: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra is contemplating to set up 3 textile mills in the public sector to avoid the crisis in the textile industry; and

(b) if so, whether Government have approved this scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shaif Qureshi): (a) and (b). The Maharashtra Government have applied for industrial licences for setting up three cotton spinning mills in the public sector. The applications are under consideration.

Export of Woollen Hosiery Goods to U.S.S.R.

993. Shri R. G. Dubey: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has placed orders for bulk purchase of woollen hosiery goods in 1966; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Soviet Union, under the Trade Agreement concluded recently, is to purchase from India woollen hosiery goods of about Rs. 2.5 million, and according to information received orders for the above value have already been placed with the manufacturers of woollen hosiery goods.

Doubling of Rail Line from Kharagpur towards South

994. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how far the railway line from Kharagpur towards the south in the South Eastern Zone has been taken up for doubling and the target date by which the work is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): Of the 765 K.Ms. long section between Kharagpur and Waltair, double line already exists between Waltair and Vizianagaram (60 K.Ms.) and the work on the doubling of the remaining 705 K.Ms. between Vizianagaram and Kharagpur has been taken up in phases during the period 1961-62 to 1963-64. Of this, 42 K.Ms. from Khurda Road to Barang (35 K.Ms.) and Ranital to Bhadrak (7 K.Ms.) have so far been completed and opened to traffic. The balance is programmed for completion, in stages, by 1969.