

to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conference of Railwaymen's Trade Unions

1782. SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to call shortly a Conference of the various Railwaymen's Trade Unions for discussing the problem of 'human failures' as a cause for the recent spate of railway accidents;

(b) whether the recommendations of the Wanchoo Commission on Railway Accidents would be discussed by this Conference; and

(c) the names of the organisations to which invitations are proposed to be sent?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (c). Certain aspects of the Railway working particularly in the context of a number of accidents that had occurred recently in quick succession, were discussed with the representatives of the two All India Labour Federations, namely All India Railwaymen's Federation and National Federation of Indian Railwaymen on 21-7-68.

(b) The report of the Railway Accidents Inquiry Committee headed by Justice Shri Wanchoo has not yet been submitted.

Durgapur Steel Plant

1783. SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the 'Statesman' of Calcutta of

the 22nd June, 1968 regarding the Durgapur Steel Plant to the effect that according to the recent studies undertaken by the authorities the expanded production target of 1.6 million tons cannot be reached before 1971-72 for want of adequate balancing facilities;

(b) if so, Government's assessment thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reach the rated production capacity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to present indications, Durgapur Steel Plant is expected to reach the capacity of 1.6 million tonnes per year towards the end of 1970. Various measures are being taken towards this end. These include repairs and rebuilding of the coke ovens and increase in the number of soaking pits, the two major bottlenecks.

Indianisation in high salary group of Foreign Owned Units

1784. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the case of the highest salary group, viz. Rs. 5001 and more, the foreign-owned units in India employ foreigners;

(b) if so, what are the figures for the years 1964, 1965 and 1966; and

(c) what action is being taken to step up Indianisation in this group?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. It is so generally.