and (b). Central Assistance in the form of loans and grants sanctioned to the State Government of Orissa for the development

of Small Scale Industries and setting up of Industrial Estates during the last three years is as under :--

			Small Scale	Industries	Industrial Estate Loans			
			Loans	Grants				
(1)			(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
			(Rupees in lakhs)					
1965-66			17 · 39	13 ·12	21 -46	٦		
1966-67			2 .95	1 ·48	9 .00	> Provisiona		
1967-68			8 · 57	4 · 29	111 -51	figures		

- (c) Central Assistance, according to the existing procedure is sanctioned at the end of the financial year on the basis of the annual statement of actual expenditure for the first three quarters and the anticipated expenditure for the Fourth quarter, respect of Plan Schemes accepted for imple-The expenditure incurred by the State Government on the schemes was low; consequently Central Assistance was also correspondingly low.
- (d) Development of Small Scale Industries is primarily the concern of the State Government. Recently the Union Deputy Minister for Industrial Development and Company Affairs held discussion with the Minister of Industries of Orissa State and impressed upon him that the State Government should have substantial programme for the development of Small Scale Industries and provide adequate funds for the purpose. It was also stressed that State Government should give Small Scale Industries the importance they deserve in the overall programme of development.

LAYING OFF WORKERS OF DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

248. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: SHRI R. K. AMIN: SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH: SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY: SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN: SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI: SHRI HEM BARUA: SHRI UMA NATH:

SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL: SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARATHI: SHRI P. K. DEO: SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: SHRI J. M. BISWAS: DR. RANEN SEN: SHRI K. RAMANI: SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: SHRI A. K. GOPALAN: SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: SHRI YASHPAL SINGH: SHRI HIMATSINGKA: SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: SHRI SAMAR GUHA: SHRI BENI SHANKAR SHARMA: SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL: SHRI NAMBIAR: SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM: SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI: SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: SHRI B. N. SHASTRI: SHRI D. C. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Management of the Durgapur Steel Plant laid-off the workers of the rolling mills and wheel and axle plant in the first week of September, 1968;

- (b) if so, the number of the workers affected as a result thereof;
 - (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the loss suffered by Government on this account?

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

- (b) 3,626.
- (c) Sabotage by the Pump and Oil Cellar Attendants of the Rolling Mills including the Wheel & Axle Plant resulted in damage to the reheating furnaces. No production was possible and this necessitated the lay off.
- (d) The estimated production loss suffered by the Plant as a result of this incident is Rs. 1.5 crores.

HINDUSTAN MACHINE TOOLS

249. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: SHRI HARDYAL DEVGUN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., showed greater output during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the comparative output during 1967-68 and during the last six months.
- (c) whether there has been increase in the export of the HMT goods during the said period; and
- (d) the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) No.

(b) to (d). The comparative output and export of Machine Tools and Watches effected and the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof by Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore during 1967-68 and April to September, 1968, are given in the table below.

Export of machine tools has shown an upward trend during the period April—September, 1968.

ltem		Produc	tion durin	ıg	Reports effected during			
	1967	7-68	April-Sept., 68		1967-68		April-Sept, 68	
,	Unit Nos.	Value in lakhs of Rs.	Nos.	Value in lakhs of Rs.	Unit Nos.	Value in lakhs of Rs.	Unit Nos.	Value in lakhs of Rs.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Machine Tools	. 1,809	850	699	313	82	29 · 28	83	27 ·60
Watches .	2,50,000	264	1,41,504	149 · 55	931 + 100 watch move- ments	0 · 59	141	0 ·06

TRADE AND TRANSIT FACILITIES TO CEYLON

250. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that talks were held in New Delhi recently with the Government of Ceylon for Trade and transit facilities;

- (b) if so, whether any agreement was reached for the improvement of trade between the two countries;
- (c) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (d) the goods likely to be exchanged between the two countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFIR QURESHI): (a) to