

Ticketless Travel

4916. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons caught by the Railways while travelling without ticket during the months of October and November this year;
- (b) the amount realised from them; and
- (c) the steps being taken to prevent ticketless travel ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b). The number of persons detected travelling without tickets during October, 1968 was 8,15,848 and the amount realised from them was Rs. 28,19,532.

Information pertaining to November, 1968, is not yet available and is being collected and will be placed in the Table of the House in due course.

(c) Apart from normal ticket checking at stations and on trains, frequent intensive checks, including surprise checks by Flying Squads of Travelling Ticket Examiners and Railway Magistrates, are being made to minimise ticketless travel and other forms of irregular travel.

An educative campaign is also being conducted.

Supervision on ticket checking arrangements has also been tightened.

Machinery Making Plants

4917. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of each of four machinery making plants at Bhopal, Hyderabad, Hardwar and Tiruchirappally is under-utilised;
- (b) if so, the estimated loss on account of under-utilisation; and
- (c) the steps being taken to fully utilise capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) The capacity so far developed at the Hyderabad, Hardwar and Tiruchirappalli units of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, is, at present being adequately utilised. The picture of orders during the Fourth Plan period is somewhat uncertain at this stage and would depend on the power development programme taken up during the Fourth Plan period. In the case of Heavy Electricals India Limited, Bhopal, adequate orders for utilisation of capacity during 1968-69 are available except in the case of switchgear and low-voltage capacitors. In the case of thermal generating plants, however, the position is uncertain during the period after 1970-71 and would depend on the overall power development programme in the Fourth Plan.

(b) It is not possible to estimate the loss on account of under-utilisation at this stage.

(c) The Heavy Electricals Plants are making efforts to obtain, the maximum orders possible by aggressive sales efforts. The undertakings are also considering new lines of production and diversification in various fields. The possibilities of exports to cover part of the likely capacity which would remain under-utilised during the Fourth Plan period are also being explored.

Export of Cotton Textiles

4918. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI D. N. PATODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a short-fall in the export of cotton textiles in recent months;
- (b) whether any inquiry has been held into the short-fall; and
- (c) if so, findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No. Sir. Exports of cotton textiles during January-November, 1968 have exceeded exports during the corresponding period of 1967,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.