MINING AND ALLIED MACHINERY CORPORATION

- 1157. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of ten top officials of the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation who went abroad during the last 3 years from July 1965 to July 1968;
- (b) the reasons for their foreign trips, the countries, they visited and the duration of their stay in each country;
- (c) the cost to Government by way of air fare and foreign exchange; and
- (d) the exact benefits to the country that accrued from these trips?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR AT BAGHDAD

- 1158. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of the Indian firms which took part in the fifth International Fair held in Baghdad during the month of October, 1968, with the names of the persons who went abroad in this connection;
- (b) the types of Indian goods displayed at the fair:
- (c) the expenditure met by Government of India and the Indian firms for participating in the fair; and
- (d) the exact benefits to the country for taking part in this fair?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). A statement showing the names of the Indian firms that took part in the Fair, the names of persons who were permitted to go abroad to attend the Fair and the types of Indian goods displayed at the Fair is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2178/68]

- (c) Rs. 3.30 lakhs approximately. Actual expenditure is not yet known.
- (d) The exact benefits to the country in terms of business transacted and export possibilities generated are being assessed. It has, however, been reported that licences worth Rs. 21 lakhs for import of Indian capital goods & Rs. 2 Lakhs for import of consumer goods are expected to be issued shortly by the Govt. of Iraq.

ROLLING STOCK ON N. G. KANGRA VALLEY RAILWAY

- 1159. SHRI HEM RAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of overaged wagons, coaches and engines on the N.G. Kangra Valley Railway in 1967-68 and the number of each kind replaced in the said period; and
- (b) the number of such rolling stock on that N. G. section in 1968-69 and the number that has been replaced in this year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Number of overaged rolling stock as on 31-3-1968:

Wagons 26
Coaches 12
Engines 5
Number replaced in 1967-68:

Wagons Nil Coaches Nil Engines Nil

(b) Number of overaged rolling stock as on 31-3-1969:

Wagons 26 Coaches 12 Engines 5

Number replaced in 1968-69:

Wagons Nil Coaches Nil Engines Nil

INDUSTRIAL LICENSING POLICY

- 1160. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering drastic changes in the industrial licensing policy with a view to keeping down the