

(b) if so, when India will be self-sufficient in this respect?

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

(a) and (b). The bulk of the machinery requirements of the textile industry is now produced in the country. Unavoidable import is limited to such items as are either not manufactured indigenously or the production of which is not adequate. According to a recent calculation the local import content for a composite textile mill of 25000 spindles and 500 looms would be of the order of 22.5 percent.

Textile Mills

3425. Shri R. Barua:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total number, with names and other particulars, of textile mills which have closed down during 1966 so far on account of financial crisis and other difficulties;

(b) the total number of textile mills taken over by the Union or the State government during the above period; and

(c) whether Government have taken any initiative to remove the hardships of the textile industry?

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

(a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in library, See No. LT-6932/66].

Annual Conference of All-India Manufacturers' Organisation

3426. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 26th annual conference of the All-India Manufacturers' Organization was held in New Delhi in May 1966;

(b) if so, the observations and suggestions made therein for the revival of India's economy; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) to (c). The 26th Annual Conference of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation was held at New Delhi on the 28th and 29th May, 1966. The various observations and suggestions made in the said conference are contained in the June, issue of the All-India Manufacturers Organisation's publication "Industrial India", a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library. These observations and suggestions have been taken note of.

Accident near Chandil Station

3427. Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Sonavane:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Braj Bihari Mehrotra:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two goods trains collided near Chandil Railway Station on the Raj Kharswan-Anara section of the South Eastern Railway on the 25th May, 1966;

(b) if so, the cause of the accident; and

(c) the action taken against the persons responsible for the accident?

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

(a) The accident occurred between Subaranarekha 'B' Cabin and Chandil station on Adra-Chakradharpur section.

(b) The accident was due to the failure of railway staff.

(c) As the driver who was responsible for the accident got killed, no action could be taken against him.