

items such as precision ball bearings, oil seals, clutches, electrical relays, which are not yet manufactured in the country and which have to be imported. Similarly raw materials like special alloy steels have to be imported. The Company are making efforts to achieve a high degree of self-sufficiency in the matter of raw materials and components.

(b) No, Sir. To the extent the cost of imported components and raw materials have increased as a result of the devaluation, the Company have to increase prices of their products to maintain profitability at a reasonable level. They have been obliged to make such increases from August 1966.

(c) Does not arise.

Century Flour Mills

2903. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent collaboration agreement between the Century Flour Mills and the National Biscuit Co., U.S.A. there is no firm export guarantee; and

(b) the reasons for not obtaining clear guarantee in this regard?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). In the Government's approval accorded to the collaboration arrangement, it has already been stipulated that the Government have noted that M/s. Century Flour Mills Ltd. will export biscuits to the extent of Rs. 20 lakhs in the course of seven years from the commencement of production and that the export of biscuits should cover the outflow of foreign exchange on account of dividends.

Cotton Buffer Stock Association

2904. **Dr. M. M. Das:**
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agency under the name "Cotton Buffer Stock Association" is going to be set up shortly to impart stability to the price of the Indian cotton;

(b) if so, how the cotton cultivators are going to be benefited by this organisation; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a similar Organisation for stabilising raw jute price also?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The proposal to set up a Cotton Buffer Stock Association is not being pursued.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Jute Buffer Stock Association, set up by the jute industry, is already in existence from 1962.

कानपुर-बान्दा ब्रांच लाइन पर एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी

2905. **श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :**
श्री सुबोध हंसदा :
श्री भागवत ज्ञा प्राजाप :
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :
डा० म० जो० दास :
श्री प्र० चं० बरगना :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश रेलवे की कानपुर-बान्दा ब्रांच लाइन पर चलने वाली एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी को लखनऊ-बान्दा एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी में बदलने के बारे में क्या कठिनाई है;

(ख) क्या इस रेलगाड़ी के दो घण्टा तीन प्रतिरिक्त स्टेशनों पर रुकने