

(b) if so, whether irregularities have been found ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was noticed that certain loans were granted to other Companies which amounted to an irregularity at the time when they were given.

Failure of Heavy Engineering Corporation and M.A.M.C. to Supply Equipment to Bokaro Steel Plant

1713. **SHRIMATI ILA PAL-CHOUHURI :**

SHRI M. N. REDDY :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent newspaper reports that on account of two important public Sector Undertakings—the Heavy Engineering Corporation and Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation not having been able to supply the indigenous equipment required for the Bokaro Steel Plant, the latter's completion has been considerably delayed ;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons for their failure ; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to put matters right ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) . The delivery schedules for supply of equipment for the Bokaro Steel Plant by the Heavy Engineering Corporation and the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd., have only recently been finalised in consultation with the Bokaro Authorities. Every effort will be made to ensure that the equipment is supplied in

accordance with the delivery schedules agreed to.

Central Assistance for Development of Small-scale Industries

1714. **SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the Central assistance for the development of small-scale industries in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore and Uttar Pradesh proposed during the Fourth Five-Year Plan ;

(b) the Central assistance as asked for by those States during the period ; and

(c) the reasons for reducing the Central assistance, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) to (c) . According to the existing procedure Central Assistance is sanctioned to the State Government at the end of each financial year on the basis of actual expenditure for the first three quarters and anticipated expenditure for the Fourth quarter. The quantum of Central Assistance for the 4th Plan period as a whole has not been determined.

Hindustan Machine Tools

1716. **SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :**
SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :
SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH :
SHRI B.K. DAS-CHOUHURY :
SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
SHRI D.N. PATODIA :

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

(a) whether the units of the Hindustan

Machine Tools Ltd., are working to their full installed capacity ;

(b) if so, the annual profit earned during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and the percentage of the total capital outlay it represents ; and

(c) if any loss has been incurred, the steps being taken to make the Company a profitable concern ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The installed capacity of the Hindustan Machine Tools watch factory is being fully utilised, whereas only about 50% of the total installed capacity of the machine tool units of Hindustan Machine Tools Limited is being utilised at present.

(b) The profit earned during 1966-67 was Rs. 126.3 lakhs representing 3.6 per cent of the capital employed. During 1967-68, there was a loss of Rs. 65.96 lakhs.

(c) Against the background of steep fall in the demand for machine tools during the last 2 years or so, concerted efforts are being made by the Company to utilise the available manufacturing capacity more fully by diversifying their product range so that the types of sophisticated machine tools which are hitherto being imported could be manufactured them. The Company have also been concentrating on an export drive. They have opened sales-cum-service centres at Frankfurt, New York, Los Angeles and Melbourne and also entered into agency agreements with firms in U.S.A., Sweden, West Germany, Denmark, East European Countries, Benelux Countries, U.K., Canada and Ceylon. The Company are also taking steps to take up production of Heavy Duty Presses, Printing Machinery and L. P. Gas Cylinders. It is expected that the cumulative effect of all these steps will be to make the operations of the Company profitable within a reasonable period.

मेरठ सिटी स्टेशन पर दो बिस्तरों वाला प्रतीक्षालय

1717. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मेरठ सिटी रेलवे स्टेशन पर दो बिस्तरों वाले प्रतीक्षालय के निर्माण के बारे में निर्णय, जिसे चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में धन की कमी के कारण स्थगित कर दिया गया था, कब तक क्रियान्वित किया जायेगा ?

रेलवे मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : सम्भवतः माननीय सदस्य का आशय मेरठ सिटी स्टेशन पर दो बिस्तरों वाले विश्रामालय के प्रस्ताव से है। यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव को 1970-71 के निर्माण कार्यक्रम में शामिल करने के लिए रेलवे विचार करेगी बशर्ते इसके लिए धन उपलब्ध हो और यात्री सुविधा समिति इसे मंजूर करे।

मेरठ शहर के स्टेशनों के फाटकों पर ऊपरी पुल

1718. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि चौथी योजना के किस वर्ष में मेरठ शहर के रेलवे स्टेशनों के दोनों ओर के फाटकों के ऊपर के पुलों के बनाने सम्बन्धी निर्णय को कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा ?

रेलवे मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : वर्तमान नियमों के अन्तर्गत किसी समपार के बदले रेलवे लाइन के ऊपर या नीचे सड़क-पुल बनाने की लागत का कुछ अंश रेलवे द्वारा और कुछ अंश सड़क प्राधिकरण द्वारा वहन किया जाता है।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अनन्तिम रूप से चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना की अवधि में केवल एक समपार के बदले लाइन के ऊपर सड़क-पुल का प्रस्ताव किया है। वह है मेरठ सिटी स्टेशन याई में दिल्ली की ओर मेरठ-बागपत