

(b) and (c). Within the short time that the computers have been in use on the Railways, they have accelerated the internal check of traffic revenues and the compilation of the related accounts and statistics, so that the results are now available much quicker. In the Production Units, a beginning has been made with the use of computers for production scheduling and control, with promising results; and it is proposed to utilise the computer for regulating machine loading in the near future. These are jobs which could not be done effectively by manual methods.

The installation of computers has not adversely affected employment on the Railways. With the prospect of expansion of traffic and the increase in efficiency which the computers are expected to facilitate, employment opportunities on the Railways as a whole are not likely to be reduced in the future also.

Contest in elections by Chairman of Heavy Engineering Corporation

1772. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI ONKAR LAL
BERWA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi had been permitted to contest in Election ;

(b) whether the decision to relieve the Chairman causes a break in the administration of the Corporation ; and

(c) whether Government would consider the desirability of finding a non-political Chairman for Heavy Engineering Corporation so that the Organisation may enjoy an uninterrupted functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY

ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :
(a) Shri K. D. Malaviya resigned from the Chairmanship of Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., with effect from 4th January, 1969, which resignation was accepted by Government.

(b) No, Sir. Shri Ranchor Prasad, a Director of the Company has been appointed to look after the current duties of the Chairman until a full time Chairman is appointed.

(c) The appointment of a suitable person as a full-time Chairman of the HEC Ranchi is under consideration.

Appointment of Functional Director in Hindustan Ltd.

1773. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Hindustan Steel Ltd., has as yet not been able to fill the posts of Functional Directors who are to take policy decisions on technical matters ;

(b) whether as a result many technical issues deserving immediate action are being delayed ; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to fill up these posts so that important technical decisions are not delayed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT.) : (a) The appointment Functional Directors for Finance, Personnel and Commercial Activities as per the Statement dated the 20th March, 1968, of the Minister for Steel, Mines and Metals about the Management Reorganisation of Hindustan Steel Ltd. has not been made;

(b) No, Sir, as all the issues are considered by the Chairman and the Board of Directors,

(c) Proposals are actively under consideration and it is hoped to announce the appointments shortly.