

रेल कर्मचारियों की गलती से हुई थी।

रेल सम्पत्ति की लगभग 14,360.00 रुपये की क्षति होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

Cement Plant in Manipur

1799. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finally taken a decision on the setting up of the Cement plant in Manipur ;

(b) whether the plant is included in the Fourth Five-Year Plan for Manipur ;

(c) if so, whether it would be a public sector project ; and

(d) if not, whether Government of Manipur proposed any private sector Cement plant for Manipur ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED: (a) to (d). The question of setting up a small-scale cement plant in Manipur is at present under the consideration of the Government of Manipur and a firm investment decision for the project can be taken only after further detailed investigations.

Loss to Indian Traders in the Bussiness of Stainless Steel Sheets

1800. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign suppliers of stainless steel sheets include the cardboard paper in the net weight of the material resulting in great loss to the Indian traders and a definite loss of foreign exchange to Government ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Industries Association, Jagadhari (Haryana) has been representing against this under-weighment of stainless steel

sheets to the General Manager, Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi for the last one year but the matter remains where it was ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take immediate step to plug this drain of foreign exchange and also take expeditious steps to refund the excess money charged to the concerned Indian traders ; and

(d) the particulars of the foreign suppliers and their local agents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) . In respect of one consignment from Belgium, the Haryana Small Industries and Export Corporation informed the MMTC that net weight included the weight of the interleaved paper and outside cardboard. The matter was taken up by MMTC with the foreign suppliers who have agreed in principle to deduct the weight of interleaved paper as also the outside cardboard and to make refund for the weight excess charged.

(d) The foreign supplier is M/s. Philipp Brothers (Belgium) S. A. Brussels and the Indian representatives are M/s. Meteor Private Limited, New Delhi.

Darjeeling-Siliguri Rail Link

1801. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Darjeeling Himalayan section of the North East Frontier Railway linking Darjeeling to Siliguri has not so far been restored ;

(b) the time by which it is expected to be restored and the reasons for delay ; and

(c) whether Government are considering to discontinue this route ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.