

(b) the number of raids made upon various establishments and shops and the number of profiteers apprehended upto the 30th September, 1966 (State-wise)?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes. The raids helped to apprehend the offenders and had a salutary effect.

(b) Information received so far from the various State Governments' Union Territories is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7426/66].

Survey of Zinc Ore Production in Asian Countries

**2385. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Mines and Metals** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted surveys to find out the capacity of the Asian countries to supply zinc ore for feeding the new smelters, which are going to be set up in India; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). Enquiries were made by the Government of India through Diplomatic channels from different Asian countries regarding the possibility of supply of zinc concentrates for the zinc smelter plant which was proposed to be set up in the country. It was found that the required quantity of zinc concentrates would not be available from these countries.

Asian Trunk Rail Line

2386. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the promoters of the scheme for Asian Trunk Rail line linking Istambul with Saigon and traversing 13 countries have sought the

approval of the Government of India in this regard;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are expected to participate and associate in this venture; and

(d) if so, the nature and extent of such participation?

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

(a) Although certain sections of the press in this country have reported about a proposal for an Asian Trunk Rail line being mooted by certain industrialists in Japan the Ministry of Railways have not yet been approached for participation in the scheme.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Setting up of Pig Iron Plants

**2387. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Dr. Ranen Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Iron and Steel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private parties have expressed their inability to set up pig iron plants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternate arrangements are being made in this regard?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Industrial Licensing Rules

**2388. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Dr. Ranen Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is intended to insert a provision in the Industrial Licensing Rules whereby failure to set up an Industry within the stipulated period would entail some penalty; and