

(c) The management explained to the workers that the incentive bonus rate is fixed in relation to the quantum of production. Due to a fall in demand of the steel products, production had to be curtailed and as a result workers were entitled to incentive bonus only at a reduced rate. The workers appreciated the situation and the protest was subsequently withdrawn. The possibility of increasing the sales of the products *inter alia* by exports is being explored.

Residential Accommodation in Steel Plants

2449. Shri Umanath:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Imbichibava:

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

(a) the total number of tenements allotted to the workers in each steel plant under the Hindustan Steel Limited;

(b) the total number of workers who have not been provided with residential accommodation by the Hindustan Steel Limited;

(c) whether the management of the Hindustan Steel Limited has studied the conditions of housing of the workers who have not been provided with the housing facilities;

(d) if so, the findings thereof, and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to provide housing accommodation to the rest of the workers?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

B.G. and M.G. Railway Lines at Katihar Junction Station

2450. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for combining the Broad

Gauge Line at Katihar Junction station of the North-east Frontier Railway with Metre Gauge line for facilitating travelling public to change over without difficulty; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be implemented?

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

(b) The work is expected to be completed by March, 1967.

Upgrading of Telephone Operators on the N.E. Rly.

2451. Shri Priya Bupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the upgrading of Telephone Operators on the North Eastern Railway has not yet been implemented; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is expected to be implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Within three months time.

Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals

2452. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Inspection Wing of the D.G.S.&D. in the Eastern Zone are being declared surplus;

(b) if so, the number of employees going to be affected;

(c) whether any time and work study has been undertaken before declaring them surplus;

(d) whether it is a fact that already there is accumulated work due to increased inspection work; and