

(ख) और (ग). रास्ते के कुछ खण्डों पर अतिरिक्त लाइन क्षमता के अभाव और लखनऊ में टर्मिनल सुविधाओं के अभाव में दिल्ली और लखनऊ के बीच एक अतिरिक्त गाड़ी चलाना परिचालन की दृष्टि से फिलहाल व्यवहारिक नहीं है।

Allotment of Refreshment Rooms and Catering to Scheduled Castes Persons

2493. SHRI D. R. PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that neither refreshment room nor catering and vending is being allotted to the Scheduled Castes persons ;

(b) if not, the percentage of such refreshment rooms, catering and vending being run by the Scheduled Castes persons separately in each Railway Zone ; and

(c) whether Government propose to reserve some such establishments with a view to eradicate the evil of untouchability ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-285/69]

Running of Electric Trains between Ahmedabad and Baroda

2494. SHRI D. R. PARMAR :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan for running electric trains between Ahmedabad and Baroda will fructify in September, 1969; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b). The work of electrification at Bamba-Baroda-Sabarmati Section has been sanctioned, the field work has started and the section Baroda-Ahmedabad is expected to be completed sometimes in 1972.

Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

2495. SHRI BABURAO PATEL :
SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :

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

(a) the value of raw colour film imported annually during the last three years with countries of import ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. has not yet begun manufacturing all the requirements of colour films ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) when such manufacture is intended; and

(e) the value of cine films, 'X' ray films and other photo goods produced by Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Ltd. during the last three years, year-wise and the annual profits made during this period, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) The value of coloured cinematographic films in rolls, sensitized and unexposed imported annually during the last three years with countries of import is given below :—

S. No.	Name of the Country	Value in '000' of Rupees			
		April-May, 66	June, 66-March, 67	1967-68	1968-69 upto Nov. 68
1.	German Democratic Republic	3178	250	1692	903
2.	German Federal Republic	31	127	468	149
3.	U.K.	3868	3542	2981	—
4.	Others	1620	386	475	297
Total :		8697	4305	3616	1349

Figures for April-May, 1966 include black and white cine films also as the 'coloured cine films' were not separately classified in the Revised Indian Trade Classification before June, 1966.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Colour film manufacture was not covered in the terms of collaboration under which the present project was set up.

(d) Hindustan Photo Films are considering the selection of a suitable collaborator for this purpose. They are expected to finalise the selection and submit early a project report for the manufacture of colour films, to Government for approval and sanction. Efforts are being made by Hindustan Photo Films to establish the colour film project during the IV Plan period.

(e) Hindustan Photo Films went into production only in January, 1967. The value of cine film, X-ray films etc. produced by Hindustan Films so far is given below:-

Year	Production (Rs. in lakhs)
1966-67	20.37
1967-68	142.25

In the first two years of production, there have been no profits. The Company is expected to reach the break-even point in 1969-70 after which a reasonable rate of return may be expected.

Ticketless Travel

2496. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the experiment of getting aid from students or other voluntary organisations in checking ticketless travelling has proved a success; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to make more extensive use of such aids to prevent the evil of ticketless travelling ?

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

Railway Ferry Service between Dhanushkodi and Thalaimannar

2497. SHRI KIRUTTINAN :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the fact that the Railway lands with assets from Rameshwaram Road to Dhanushkodi including the strong pier have been handed over to Tamil Nadu State Government for joining jeepable road, the Railway Department propose to restore the operation of Railway ferry service between Dhanushkodi and Thalaimannar as was before the 23rd December, 1964, and retain the railway marine workshop at Mandappam itself without shifting it elsewhere; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to appoint any Railway out-agency for affording transport facilities to the passengers between Rameshwaram and Dhanushkodi pier ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) (i) At present there is no proposal to resume the ferry service.

(ii) As far as the Railway workshop at Mandapam is concerned, a proposal was made to the Tamil Nadu State to take over the workshop. This proposal is under consideration of the State Government and their decision is awaited.

(b) There is no proposal for opening an Out Agency at Dhanushkodi.

Prices of Tyres

2498. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of tyres in the market are still higher than the actual prices; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to bring down the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Tyres and Tubes have been declared as "essential commo-