

(a) Whether it is a fact that inordinate delays take place in the collection and processing of foreign trade statistics, which affect adversely the policy-making by Government ; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to remove the delays ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The time-lage in India for the compilation of foreign trade statistics is reasonable as such and does not affect abversely policy making by Government. However improvements are under consideration.

**N. G. Locomotives**

108. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to manufacture narrow-gauge locomotives ;

(b) if not, whether they are proposed to be imported ;

(c) what will be the need of such locomotives in the next two years; and

(d) whether there is any programme to change steam engines to diesel and electric locomotives in the next two years on narrow gauge sections ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, there is a scheme to undertake manufacture of narrow gauge diesel locomotive at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

(b) does not arise.

(c) and (d). It has been planned to provide 10 narrow gauge diesel locomotives for the narrow gauge sections on replacement account during the 5 years' period from 1969-70 to 1973-74 by manufacture in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

**Indo-Malaysian Industrial Ventures**

109. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA: DR. KARNI SINGH : SHRI NARAIN SWARUP SHARMA : SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARTHI : KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI : SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :

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

(a) whether the Indian industrial delegation which visited Malaysia from the 10th to 16th November, 1968 has submitted its report ;

(b) if so, whether it has suggested joint Indo-Malaysian industrial ventures in seventeen different fields ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVFLOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). This was a non-official delegation. Its report is available in the Parliament Library.

**Export of Diamonds**

110. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MA-DA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange earned from the export of cut and polished diamonds during the years 1965-66, 1966-67 and 1967-68 ;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spend on the import of raw diamonds during these years ; and

(c) Whether the National Mineral Development Corporations proposes to extend its mining operations to other promising areas of the country to step up the production and export of diamonds ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The exports of