

District in the name of Shri Amar Singh, son of Soni. Since the name of Shri Amar Singh was registered in the electoral roll of the constituency and none of the candidates or their authorised agents, present at the time of the scrutiny of nomination papers objected to the nomination, the nomination paper was accepted by the returning officer.

Production of Billets in the Steel Plants

3501. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI :
SHRI J. H. PATEL :
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI D. R. PARMAR :
SHRI K. K. NAYAR :
SHRI C. M. KEDARIA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the ratio of off-grade billets to tested quality billets produced from quarter to quarter at each of the main steel plants since April, 1966 to date ;

(b) the J. P. C. prices for the above two varieties from time to time during the the above period ;

(c) whether their production prices show inefficient performance ;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the anomalous position ; and

(e) whether inadequate availability of tested billets is a constraint on the export performance of re-rollers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) Information is not readily available.

(b) A statement showing the prices the billets fixed from time to time, since April, 1966, is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—394/69].

(c) and (d). Production of off-grade billets 100 mm and below for 1968-69 has been estimated at about 25%. Producers have been advised to initiate action to reduce percentage of off grade production.

(e) Having regard to the overall supply and demand position, the past performance

of reroller exporters and their future commitments, adequate allotments of tested billets have been made by Joint Plant Committee for the manufacture of export products.

Production of Billets

3502. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
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SHRI D. R. PARMAR ;
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SHRI C. M. KEDARIA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state ;

(a) the plant-wise capacity and production of billets for every quarter of the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 upto December, 1968 for each main producer ;

(b) the year-wise break-up of production of different types of billets during the above period ; and

(c) the plant-wise, year-wise and grade-wise despatches of billets to the re-rollers during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) and (b). The installed capacity for semis, including billets, for sale is as follows :

Bhilai	315,000 tonnes
Durgapur	370,000 tonnes
Tatas	300,000 tonnes
IISCO	150,000 tonnes

These figures do not include the capacity for billets to be used by the main plant in their own finishing lines.

A statement showing plants-wise production of saleable billets for every quarter of the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 (upto December, 1968) is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—395/69]. Production figures of billets type wise are not available.

(c) A statement on producer-wise despatches of billets during 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 (upto December, 1968) is laid

on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—395/69]. Grade-wise despatches of billets are not available.

Mini Tractor Factory in Faizabad

3503. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any plans for the setting up of Mini Tractor factory in Faizabad has been under consideration ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of M. G. Line between Lucknow and Baranui Into B. G.

3504. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the conversion of the metre gauge line between Lucknow and Baranui via Gorakhpur into broad gauge ; and

(b) if so, when the conversion is likely to be completed ?

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

(b) Lucknow and Barabanki are already connected by a broad gauge section of the Northern Railway. Engineering and Traffic Surveys for conversion of the metre gauge lines from Barabanki to Gonda Gorakhpur and Bhatni are already in progress, and surveys for the Bhatni-Baranui portion are proposed to be taken up shortly. A decision on the actual conversion of these metre gauge lines into broad gauge will be taken after the surveys are completed and the survey reports examined by the Railway Board.

Special Cell to Detect Ticketless Travel on the Railways

3505. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees in the

special cell constituted by the Railways to detect ticketless travelling :

(b) the total expenditure on the same since its inception, year-wise : and

(c) the number of cases detected by the cell and the amount realised thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) It is not clear what the term "Special Cell" is intended to connote. Ticket Checking arrangements on various railways are suitably adjusted to changing circumstances from time to time and in accordance with the strategy to be pursued at any particular time. This sometimes involves temporary addition to ticket checking staff on individual railways as has recently been done on the N. E. Rly. The only special organisation that was created sometime ago was under the Railway Board for the purpose of assessing the extent of ticketless travel on various railways and this organisation was in existence from March 1967 to September 1968 and consisted of 60 staff of various categories.

(b) The expenditure on the staff of the special organisation under the Railway Board is being worked out and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

(c) The special organization under the Railway Board in the course of its estimation of extent of ticketless travel detected 92,639 cases involving a recovery of Rs. 3,25,860/-.

बीकानेर डिब्बीजन के लालगढ़ जंक्शन पर अस्पताल की इमारत

3507. श्री प० सा० बाबूपाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच कि उत्तर रेलवे में बीकानेर डिब्बीजन के लालगढ़ जंक्शन पर अस्पताल की इमारत के निर्माण के दौरान स्टोर से हजारों बोरी सीमेंट चोरी हो गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि स्टोर में कुछ वस्तुएं रखने का प्रयत्न किया था किन्तु वह असफल रहा तथा सम्बन्धित अधिकारी इस