

**SHRI P. C. ADICHAN:**  
**SHRI B. K. DASCHOUDHURY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that railway property has been damaged as a result of agitation being held in the South for the creation of better service facilities for the Telengana inhabitants; and

(b) if so, the amount of the loss suffered thereby ?

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

(b) Rs. 45,410/- approximately.

**M/s. Cooper Allen and Co.**

1127. **SHRI RABI RAY:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been persistent public demand to take over immediately Cooper Allen Unit of British India Corporation, Kanpur by purchasing the Company's shares, if necessary, in the open market; and

(b) if so, in view of the fact that Government holds a substantial number of shares in British India Corporation along with public financial institution like Life Insurance Corporation, Unit Trust of India, whether Government loans and debentures from the Government and financial institutions will be converted into equity shares ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new wholly owned Government Company under the name and style of "Tannery and Footwear Corporation of

India Private Ltd." has been formed to manage the Cooper Allen and the North West Tannery Units of the British India Corporation which are being acquired on an outright purchase basis.

#### **Khetri Copper Complex**

1128. **SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the work in the Khetri Copper Complex has been slowed down due to lack of railway track and power supply; and

(b) steps being taken to remove these obstacles ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) :** (a) Yes, Sir. The progress has been affected due to inadequate power supply and also due to lack of railway link.

(b) The matter of connecting Khetri plant site to the nearest Rail Head, has been taken up with the Railway Board and is under their consideration.

Regarding supplying adequate power to Khetri Copper Project, the matter is being vigorously pursued with the Rajasthan State Electricity Board. It is now expected that the Rajasthan State Electricity Board will be able to supply the requisite power to Khetri Copper Project by first week of March, 1969 from their 220 KV Sub-station at Khetri, construction work of which is in progress.

#### **Applications pending for issue of Licences in Mysore**

1129. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:**  
**SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:**  
**SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA:**  
**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE