

- (v) very stiff competition from the roads with about 95 per cent of its route kms. having parallel roads.

In 1966-67 and 1967-68 additional freight traffic as anticipated on Indian Railways as such did not materialise and therefore the Indian Railways as a whole showed deficit. In the current year till end of February, there is a drop of 2 per cent in originating revenue traffic on Southern Railway against 5 per cent increase on Indian Railways; originating passenger traffic dropped by 9 per cent on Southern Railway against 1 per cent drop on Indian Railway. It is hoped that the special efforts detailed, in reply to part (b) will arrest the drop in traffic and recapture some of the traffic gone to the road.

In regard to increase in working expenses, the increase on Southern Railway as on Indian Railways is due to the higher cost of staff, increase in prices of materials consumed by the Indian Railways and increased cost of capital.

#### Indian Standards Institution

4381. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Standards Institution (ISI) has registered itself as an exporter instead of confining its function to ensure quality of goods;

(b) whether allegations of corruption have been made against it publicly; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) the Indian Standards Institution registered itself as an exporter in 1965-66 for selling one of its publications namely the Conversion Slides for which it holds sole patent rights. It is within the function of ISI to sell these slides.

(b) and (c). An article containing certain allegations against the Institution appeared in 'Blitz' dated 1st March 1969. The allegations are being looked into.

#### Small Car Project

4382. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH:  
SHRI HIMATSINGKA:

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

(a) whether he had made fresh move to revive the small car project; and

(b) if so, the latest prospect of the revival of the project under the Fourth Five Year plan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). The question of Small Car Project in the Fourth Five Year Plan is still under consideration.

#### Reorganisation of Hindustan Steel Ltd.

4383. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposals submitted by Dr. Channa Reddy, the then Minister for Steel, Mines and Metals, to reorganise Hindustan Steel Limited and to improve the working of the plants under it;

(b) whether it is a fact that none of the major recommendations has been fully implemented as yet;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to find whole-time Functional Directors for Hindustan Steel Board;

(d) whether Government feel that the necessary improvements in the working of the above steel plants can be effected even