

ships as a means of livelihood. They have been designed to eliminate wastages and enable equitable distribution of available funds to the most needy and deserving who will continue to benefit under the scheme for completing a purposeful educational career.

**Running of direct train between Delhi and Bhubaneswar (Orissa)**

213. SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to run a direct train between Delhi and State Headquarters of Orissa, as assured by him ;

(b) if so, the proposed route through which it will pass ; and

(c) the time it will take for this distance ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b). In the time table to come into force from 1-10-69, it is proposed to introduce a biweekly express train between Puri/Bhubaneswar and New Delhi *via* Kharagpur, Bilaspur, Katni, Bina and Agra.

(c) The time-table is being worked out.

**Express trains between Poona and Nagpur**

214. SHRI N.R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to run express train between Poona and Nagpur as demanded by the people of the area ;

(b) if so, when the service is to be started ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b). A proposal for introduction of a direct express train between Poona and Nagpur *via* Dhond and Manmad by way of amalgamating a pair of existing Passenger trains each

on Poona and Dhond-Manmad and Bhusaval-Nagpur sections with an additional train to be introduced on Manmad-Bhusaval section, is under examination of Central Railway Administration. Implementation of this proposal, if otherwise found justified and feasible, will, however not be possible till remodeling of the existing Poona Yard in connection with conversion of Poona-Miraj M. G. section into B. G.

(c) Does not arise.

**Small Car Project at Nagpur**

215. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up a project for the manufacture of small car at the Central place like Nagpur in fulfilment of the demand of the people of the area ;

(b) if so, the details of the project ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Government have under consideration a proposal to set up a small Car Project in the country but no final decision in the matter has so far been reached. The question of location of the proposed project has not been considered at this stage.

**Development of Industries around Tuticorin Port**

216. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of Shri R. Venkataraman, Member of the Planning Commission and Chairman of Major Ports Commission, calling for the development of large industries in and around Tuticorin for

better and fuller use of Tuticorin which has been developed into a major harbour ;

(b) if so, whether the State Government or the Central Government are planning to develop proper Industries in the area under the Fourth Five Year Plan ;

(c) if so, the details and tentative cost of the envisage scheme ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) In the course of a speech during his tour to Tuticorin Shri R. Venkataraman, Member of the Planning Commission pointed out that the mere establishment of a port by itself was not likely to lead to economic growth of the area which has to be fostered through industrial and other developments. He emphasized the point that the very viability of the port was dependent on adequate traffic being available to sustain the port and this called for establishment of Industries and other economic activities in the hinterland. His intention was to suggest that the private sector should take greater initiative for the establishment of large, medium and small scale industries to provide the volume of traffic required for the port.

(b) to (d). There was no suggestion that public sector enterprises have to be set up at Tuticorin. The Madras Industrial Development Corporation have, however, submitted a proposal for the establishment of a fertilizer project at Tuticorin and this is under examination. The Government will also give all encouragement to private sector entrepreneurs to set up industries in the area referred to within the plan priorities and resources.

**Export of Engineering goods to Yugoslavia**

**217. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Yugoslav delegation visited the country in the month of May, 1969 and sought engineering goods for the Steel plant ; and

(b) the details of the requirements sought and decisions arrive at in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) and (b). A delegation from the Steel Plant Consortium formed to set up a new Steel Plant at Split in Yugoslavia visited the country in May, 1969 for preliminary investigations about the possibility of supply of iron ore and steel plant equipment from India. The delegation visited various plants including those of Heavy Engineering Corporation and had discussions with all concerned. The purpose of the delegation was fact finding and no decision has been arrived at, nor have they indicated their requirement. The delegation will report to the Consortium who will decide the next step.

**Visit by Indian Railway Experts to Syria**

**218. SHRI BABURAO PATEL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the three Indian Railway experts who are visiting Syria to carry out a techno-economic feasibility study of a new Railway line there ;

(b) the length of the proposed line and the terms on which the Syrian Government is seeking co-operation from our Government ;

(c) the exact benefits to the Indian Government from participation in the construction of the Syrian railway line ; and

(d) the amount paid to the Railway experts for making the study ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) :** (a) The names of the three Indian Railway experts who are visiting Syria are :

- (i) Shri M. G. Nair, Joint Director, Works, Railway Board.
- (ii) Shri B. B. Lal, Joint Director, Traction, Railway Board;
- (iii) Shri Shaheed Ali Khan, Joint Director, Railway Planning, Railway Board.

(b) and (c). The length of the proposed line is approximately 180 k.m. The services of the experts have been made available for a preliminary survey and further details would be known only after the techno-economic study report is finalised and submitted to the Syrian Government and the Syrian Government's reactions thereon are known.