

(SHRI MUTHYAL RAO) : (a) Presumably the Member is enquiring about the latest Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which pertains to the year 1967-68. This Report has been submitted to the President.

(b) The Report has already been placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The Report is at present under consideration of the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Copies of the Report have also been sent to all the State Government/Union Territory Administrations.

X-Ray Film Factory in Gorakhpur, U.P.

264. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government for the setting up of an Ex-Ray film factory in an Eastern District of U.P. particularly Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the factory will be set up with foreign collaboration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated annual production of the factory ?

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

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Annual Production of Bogies

265. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual production of Railway bogies in the country;

(b) the number of bogies imported from countries during the last three years;

(c) the foreign exchange involved on the purchase of these bogies; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of indigenous bogies in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) About 1270 coaches of all gauges and types including Rail Cars, Electric Multiple Unit coaches, etc.

(b) Nil.

(c) In view of (b) above, this question does not arise.

(d) Based on the long term requirements of coaching stock, proposals are under consideration for increasing the production capacity to the required extent.

Conversion of M. G. lines between Gorakhpur-Lucknow and Gorakhpur-Varanasi

266. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey work for converting the metre gauge lines of North Eastern Railway between Gorakhpur and Lucknow and between Gorakhpur and Varanasi has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the survey is expected to be completed; and

(d) the time by which the conversion work will be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). The survey for the Varanasi (Manduadih)-Bhatni-Gorakhpur conversion has been completed recently. The survey for the Lucknow (Barabanki)-Gonda-Gorakhpur portion is in progress and is expected to be completed in about two months time.

(d) A decision on the actual conversion of these metre gauge sections to broad gauge will be taken after the survey reports for both the sections are examined by the Railway Board.