

an additional burden of Rs. 28 crores per annum; and

(f) whether it is a fact that largest beneficiaries of the price increase will be the Tata Iron and Steel Company under the control of Martin Burns and Goenkas ?

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

(a) Statement 'A' is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2572/70]

(b) Statement 'B' is laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. See No. LT-2572/70]

(c) The steel prices (ex-works) in India are on the whole lower than the corresponding prices in U.K., Japan and West Germany and considerably lower than in U.S.A. Information regarding prices in U.S.S.R. is not available.

(d) The following table gives the required information :-

Imports of Mild Steel

Year	Quantity	Value	Average Value
			per tonne
	(in thousand tonnes).	(in thousand Rupees).	(Rs. in units).
1966-67	339	500,400	1476
1967-68	427	595,900	1396
1968-69	508	556,000	1094

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The average extra realisation will be the same for all producers. Since Hindustan Steel is the largest producer, the extra sales realisation would be the highest for this company.

Impact of Increase in Prices of Steel on Consumer Goods

232. **SHRI GANESH GHOSE :**
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

SHRI B. K. MODAK :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the costs of production of the steel based goods are likely to go up and the additional costs are likely to be passed on to the consumers; and

(b) what benefit, if any, will accrue to the common people as a result of the increase in the price of steel ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The index number of wholesale prices of Iron & Steel Manufactures, with 1961-62 = 100, which stood at 149.3 on December 27, 1969, before the price rise, increased to 154.6 on January 3, 1970, after the price rise.

(b) The price rise will help in the development of the steel industry in the country.

Shares of Goenka Group of Industries in Indian Iron and Steel Co.

234. **SHRI B. K. MODAK :**
SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5146 on the 23rd December, 1969 regarding Goenka Group of industries and state :

(a) the book value of the equity shares in the Indian Iron and Steel Co., held by four trustees, viz, Sarvashri S. K. Ganguli, K. Ganesan, R.N. Sen and P. K. Choksey;

(b) the details of the sources from which these representatives of Shri Goenka have secured finance for purchasing equity shares numbering 33,69,200, of the above company;

(c) the names of the other ordinary shareholders of the Goenka group in the Indian Iron and Steel Co. and the book value of shares held by them; and

(d) the details of sources from which they have secured finance for purchasing shares ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The book value of the equity shares held by the four trustees amounts to Rs. 3,36,92,000/-.

(b) The trustees hold the shares on behalf of the Dalhousie Holdings Ltd. and not Shri Goenka.

(c) and (d). Bulk of the shares controlled by Shri Goenka stand in different names such as companies under his control friends and associates and brokers. Apart from 21,74,622 and 18,900 equity shares which are held in the names of Express Newspapers Private Ltd., Madras, and Shri R. N. Goenka, names of person who may be holding the balance of the shares which constitute the Goenka Group are not known. No precise information as to the actual sources of finance is available.

Ring Railway for Delhi

235. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM :
SHRI YUMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on the Ring Railway in Delhi has since been completed;

(b) if so, whether the passenger traffic has been opened to this line;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the passenger traffic will be started on this line ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Perhaps the reference is to the "Delhi Avoiding Lines and

Connected Traffic Facilities Project". This project was completed and opened to goods traffic on 15.2.1979.

(b) to (d). The project was meant primarily for goods traffic. No target date for the opening of this line to passenger traffic has so far been fixed, as this is dependant on the completion of some important over/under bridges which are at present under construction.

Damage Caused to Railway Property in Punjab and Haryana re Chandigarh Issue

236. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR
SINGH :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
VEERAPPA :
SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :
SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA :
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
SHRI R. K. BIRLA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many Railway bogies and stations were burnt down during the month of January, 1970 in the States of Haryana and the Punjab; and

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered by the Railways in those States and the steps taken by Government for the safeguard of Railway property ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes. In the State of Haryana only.

(b) The total damages caused to the Railway property as a result of the agitation over the Chandigarh Issue in the States