

the information for the year 1967-68 and 1968-69 is given below :

(Expenditure in Lakhs of Rupees)

	1967-68	1968-69
(i) New Lines (Capital Expenditure)	26.10	23.28
(ii) (a) Locomotives 13,13 and spare boilers.		11.92
(b) Carriages includ- ing Rail Cars and Electric Multiple Unit Stock.	23.33	26.28
(c) Wagons.	28.50	25.50

Managing Agencies in India

231. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Managing Agencies in India upto 15th July, 1970 ; and

(b) the last date when such Managing Agencies will not be permissible in India ?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) and (b). The system of managing agency was abolished with effect from the 3rd April, 1970 by the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1969. The number of companies under the management of managing agents was 202 on that date.

Purchases from Industrial Units by States

232. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 1582 on the 12th May, 1970 regarding purchases from Industrial Units by States and state :

(a) whether the details of Preferences accorded by the State Governments to industrial units in their respective States have since been collected ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Information in respect of preferences accorded by State Governments to industrial units in their own States has been collected. A statement indicating the broad details of these preferences and a gist of the arguments advanced by the State Governments in support of such preferences is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3724/70].

(c) Does not arise.

Production of Billets by Main Steel Producers

233. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9382 on the 12th May, 1970 regarding production of billets by main steel producers and state :

(a) whether the required information about the plant-wise estimated production of billets by the main steel plant in the next four years for internal consumption and for sale separately has since been collected

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following table gives the estimated production of billets during the next four years :-