

creased fruit and seed yield, see weight and quality.

2. A demonstration of the utility of honey bees in increasing production of bitter gourd was successfully organised at Yeola (Maharashtra) and as well as on farmers yield.

[*Translation*]

Claims Cases

8683. SHRI RAMESH BAIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation paid by the Railways for goods claims during the last three years;

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Rs. 33.34 crores	Rs 33 81 crores	Rs 30.29 crores

(b) The number of claims preferred on Northern Railway on consignments booked

(b) the number of such claims made annually at New Delhi and Delhi stations;

(c) the names of the claimants who have been paid maximum compensation each year during the last three years;

(d) whether certain institutions are regularly paid such claims every year;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The amount of compensation paid by the Railways for loss & damage claims during last three years was as under:

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	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
New Delhi:	4705	3926	4926
Delhi	958	1161	1409

(c) Such statistics is not maintained.

[*English*]

(d) Claims are settled on individual merits. Institution-wise records are not maintained.

National Conference on India's Economic Strategies for Nineties

8684. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

(a) whether while inaugurating the National Conference on 'India's Economic Strategies for Nineties' on April 18, 1990 he called upon the industry in India to shun protection;

(b) the main observations and suggestions made at the Conference; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main observations and suggestions made at the Conference were as follows:

In a fast changing world, India can no longer afford to be inward looking keeping in view globalisation of economic activity. The need for competition and competitiveness was emphasised for the Indian industry. It was felt that the key to development lies in adaptability and a strong plea was made for elimination of barriers and regulations. It was also felt that the major issues to be tackled and resolved are the efficient management of the economy, the infrastructure, the public utilities and the public sector. In order to build up the use of natural resources for economic growth of the country, it was suggested that we need to have access to investment by the private sector and even by foreign enterprises.

(c) The Government has already announced the Import Export Policy which provides new measures for boosting ex-

ports, which will help in making India industry more competitive. Medium term economic policies of the Government are prepared in the context of planning. The Eighth Five Year Plan is under preparation.

Capacity utilisation of Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.

8685. SHRIM.V.CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been under utilisation of the installed capacity of the Tyre Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to rejuvenate the management of the company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). A statement giving details of capacity utilisation for the major products of TCIL is enclosed. While capacity utilisation in the manufacture of automotive tyres is above 100% there is underutilization of capacity for manufacture of other items particularly in the Tangra and Kalyani plants. The main reasons for low capacity utilisation in these units are old and outdated machinery, obsolete technology and erratic power supply etc.

(c) Promote action is being taken to fill up board and other senior level vacancies.