

(b) Govt. of India have no such proposals.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : In view of the large stock of raw leather in North Bengal and the suitable climate, there, I would like to know whether the Government is going to give priority for the setting up of tanneries in North Bengal, thus providing employment to the unemployed, which is a serious problem ?

SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA : We do not propose to set up any public sector industry so far as tanneries are concerned in North Bengal. But so far as small-scale industries and cottage industries are concerned, we are trying to help them and provide some employment to the people there.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question.

SHRI DINESH JOARDER : I want to put a supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER : He says, information is being collected.

SHRI DINESH JOARDER : The minister said that small scale industries and cottage industries with leather are proposed to be patronised by the Central Government in North-Bengal. But from the raw leather that is being supplied from North Bengal, big houses like Bata Shoe Company and others are earning a lot of money. With the help of that raw material a big leather products manufacturing industry can be set up there.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question.

Small Car Projets in Private Sector

*1665. **SHRI C. CHITTIBABU :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased state :

(a) whether the two small car projects in the private sector for which licences were issued last year will be restricted largely to assembly ; and

(b) whether the components for these cars produced in automobile ancillary units

require capital imports for producing these components ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The schemes of the parties to whom letters of intent had been granted last year for the manufacture of passenger cars envisage not only assembly of cars but also manufacture of a number of components with in the plant itself.

(b) A large number of undertakings are already manufacturing automobile ancillary items in the country. Letters of intents have also recently been issued to large number of parties for the setting up of new industrial units for the manufacture of automobile ancillaries for catering to the requirements of original equipment needed by the manufacture of cars, commercial vehicles, jeeps etc. and the replacement market. Generally, these units will require some imported capital goods, though a few of them may require only indigenous machinrry.

SHRI C. CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister tell us the names of the parties to whom letters of intent have been issued ? May I also know whether a proto-type has been submitted for examination by a firm from Madras and, if so, what is the reaction of government ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : The two parties are Shri Sanjay Gandhi of New Delhi and Shri Madan Mohan Rao of Madras. Shri Sanjay Gandhi has already produced a proto-type. So far as Shri Madan Mohan Rao is concerned, he has not yet produced any proto-type.

SHRI C. CHITTIBABU : What has happened to the request of the Chief Minister of Madras to the Prime Minister to take up a small car project in Tamilnadu ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : All the Chief Ministers, barring probably the Chief Minister of Nagaland, have requested the Government of India to set up

the Public Sector car project in their respective states. These will be considered when we actually decide and take into consideration the report.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Employment of Deputationists Against Certain Posts Under Damodar Valley Corporation

*1652. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy decision taken formally by the highest authorities in the Damodar Valley Corporation that against certain posts, deputationists are to be employed.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission are not applicable to the Damodar Valley Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c). The Damodar Valley Corporation has been set up under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948 for the unified development of the Damodar Valley Region in the States of West Bengal and Bihar. In the implementation of its main functions relating to irrigation, flood control and power development, the Corporation has to work in close liaison with the two State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal. Because of this special character of the Damodar Valley Corporation which distinguishes it from public sector enterprises of the Government of India, the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission regarding permanent absorption of personnel on deputation are not applicable. Apart from the Chairman, the General Manager and the Financial Adviser who are appointed by the Government of India under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, there are only 15 officers on deputation who perform functions generally involving close collaboration with the appropriate Departments of the Governments of West Bengal and Bihar and provide the required expertises not otherwise available from the Corporation's own cadre.

Insects Found in Railway Hospital Food

1657. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the report "Insects Found in Hospital Food" appearing in the "Patriot" on 16th July, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for improving the conditions in the Northern Railway Divisional Hospital in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The occurrence of some insects (weevils) in the cooked Chana served to patients was an isolated case. As soon as it was detected, the cooked stuff was withdrawn. In order to avoid recurrence of this nature, instructions have been issued to the Divisional Hospital, Delhi to buy cereals from Super Bazar so as to ensure standard quality of supply.

The other allegations made in the report are not correct. The conditions obtaining in the hospital in regard to supply of good food, vegetables and milk, sanitary conditions, availability of surgical equipments, X-Ray and Pathological laboratory facilities have been quite satisfactory. As this hospital is in an old building where all modern amenities cannot be provided, it has been decided to shift all beds of this unit to an annex of the Central Hospital, New Delhi which is now under construction.

Linking up Sutlej and Beas Rivers

*1658. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) how long it will take to complete the linking up of the rivers Sutlej and Beas; and

(b) which are the States to be benefited by the water and power supply from this scheme ?