

(ग) और (घ). नहर प्रणाली पर निर्माण कार्य अभी तक चल रहा है और चौथी योजना के अन्त तक उसके काफी हद तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना है। बहरहाल, बिहार में 50,000 एकड़ और उत्तर प्रदेश में 70,000 एकड़ भूमि को आंशिक लाभ पहले से ही प्रदान किये जा रहे हैं। बिहार सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि गंडक परियोजना से सिंचाई सम्बन्धी राजस्व उगाहा जा रहा है और अप्रैल, 1970 तक रु० 1.26 लाख उगाहे गये थे।

Demand for an Express Train on Delhi-Bhatinda Railway line

*788. SHRI B. S. BHAURA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any representation during the last three months demanding addition of an express train on Delhi-Bhatinda line ; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far in the matter ?

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

(b) Introduction of an additional express train between Delhi and Bhatinda has not been found justified having regard to under-utilisation of existing trains on this route nor it is operationally feasible for want of line/terminal capacity.

Rajdhani Route Track found Defective

*789 SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commissioner for Rail Safety has found the Rajdhani route track being defective ;

(b) if so, whether the defects warrant immediate suspension of service to attend to the repairs ; and

(b) by what time the defects will be eradicated ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No ; Sir. The

Commissioner of Railway Safety has only pointed out certain minor points in the maintenance practices for Points and Crossings.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Sanction to Thien Dam Project, Punjab

*791. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not given a formal sanction to Thien Dam Project on the Ravi in Punjab ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this delay ; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the inter-state differences about the proposed Dam ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c). The inter-State aspects such as sharing of cost and benefits amongst the concerned States and settlement of oustees of Thien Dam project are under discussion.

Manufacture of Three Wheeler Scooters in Public Sector

*793. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present production capacity for three-wheeler scooters in the country ;

(b) whether with the popularity of this type of vehicle in the mofussil towns for the quick transport of passengers and materials, the demand is growing rapidly ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue new licences for the manufacture of three-wheeler scooters in the public sector, without foreign collaboration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) Three-wheeler scooters (auto-rickshaws) are, at present being produced by two manufacturers, viz. M/s Bajaj Auto Ltd., Poona and M/s Automobile Products of India Ltd, Bombay. Their combined licensed capacity for the manufacture of two wheeler and three

wholesaler scooter is 24,000 Nos. each per annum. Their production capacity for the manufacture of three-wheelers has not been specified separately.

The production of three wheelers since 1969 has been as under :—

Year	Production
1969	5,072 Nos.
1970	4,229 Nos.
1971 (upto 31-5-71)	1,804 Nos.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal to take up the manufacture of 3-wheeler sector in the Public Sector. However, applications had been invited through a press note issued in February, 1971, from interested parties for the setting up of new undertakings for the manufacture of three wheeler scooters with complete indigenous know-how, components and raw materials and without foreign collaboration. A large number of applications have been received and are under examination.

Reorganisation of Damodar Valley Corporation

*794. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the present position in regard to the proposed reorganisation of the Damodar Valley corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : The proposal for the re-organisation of the Damodar Valley Corporation on a functional basis is still under consideration.

Production of Small and Medium Sector Industries

*795. S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) how industrial production of small and medium sector industries has fared during 1970-71 and how does it compare with figures of the last two years ;

(b) the share of their products in the total exports of the country and the assistance that Government are giving them to promote their exports ; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the production techniques under this sector ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) According to estimates made by the Reserve Bank of India, the output of the small scale sector in 1968-69 was 8.2% higher than that in the previous year and that in 1969-70 was 11.2% higher than that in 1968-69.

(b) Separate statistics of exports of small industries products are not available. Moreover, many small scale units manufacture ancillary parts and components which form part of finished products exported by large and medium scale units.

The Small Scale Industries Development Organisation assists the export effort of small scale industries by identification of export-worthy products and units, identification of markets with potential for export, providing training and consultancy services to the small scale industrialists in export marketing, dissemination of market information regarding overseas markets, maintaining liaison with other Government Organisations and coordinating the export programmes undertaken by other agencies like the State Trading Corporation, Trade Development Authority, Export Promotion Councils, etc.

(c) The measures being adopted to improve production techniques include equipment modernisation improvement of skills of workers and managers and modernisation of technology.

Information regarding the medium scale sector is not separately available ; this is clubbed along with large scale sector.

Complaint of Kutch Salt Producers' Association Reg. Non-Availability of Wagons

*796. SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kutch Salt Producers' Association has complained that over six lakh