

(a) the number of new prospective tyre manufacturers to whom letters of intent were issued, and which require foreign collaboration ;

(b) the names of foreign countries that have come in for such collaboration ; and

(c) the terms and conditions of collaboration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) to (c). Letters of Intent have been issued in November/December last to eight parties for establishing new undertakings in the various States of the country with an individual capacity of three lakh nos. each per annum for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes.

Of these, only M/s. South Indian Export Corporation, Madras who are to establish the undertaking in Mysore State have submitted firm proposals for foreign technical collaboration with M/s. Techno-export Foreign Trade Corporation. Czechoslovakia.

**Electrification of Madras Gummidipundi Section (Southern Railway)**

\*806. SHRI T. S. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been completed for electrifying Madras-Gummidipundi section on Southern Railway ;

(b) the anticipated expenditure for electrifying this section ; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to electrify the section ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Most of the foot-by-foot survey for the proposed electrification of Madras-Vijayawada section of which the Madras-Gummidipundi section forms a part only has been completed.

(b) Electrification of Madras-Vijayawada section, is estimated to cost Rs. 34 crores. No

separate estimate is available for the Madras-Gummidipundi Section.

(c) Electrification of Madras-Vijayawada section is scheduled to be taken up for execution in 1972-73.

**Scarcity of Steel for Sutlej-Beas Link Project**

\*807. SHRI DALIP SINGH :  
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH  
GARCHA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sutlej-Beas Link Project is facing acute scarcity of steel, if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(b) the steps, the Project authorities/ Government have taken or propose to take to obtain regular supply of steel for completion of the Project according to schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) and (b). For maintaining the tempo of works in the Beas Sutlej Link Project, there are adequate stocks of Steel. Advance action has been taken for making priority allocations of indigenous production of steel for the Beas Sutlej Link Project and for importing the categories of steel which will not be available, when required, from indigenous production so that the progress of the construction of the project is not hampered because of shortage of steel.

**Thopayar Irrigation Scheme, Tamil Nadu**

\*808. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with the Central Government for the Thopayar Irrigation Scheme, Salem District, Tamil Nadu ;

(b) whether the recommendation of the Tamil Nadu Government in this regard has been considered by the Central Government ; and

(c) if so, the final decision, if any, taken in the matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) :** (a) No proposals for any major or medium irrigation project on Thoppiar have been received in the Central Water and Power Commission from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c). The State Government have reported that instructions have been issued by them to the local officers to formulate special minor irrigation programme schemes in the Thoppiar basin, instead of a major reservoir scheme contemplated by them earlier.

**Railway Tracks and Compartments damaged by People during Hartal in Calcutta**

\*809. **SHRI H. M. PATEL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the 24-hour hartal organised by the people of CP(M) in Calcutta on 1st June, 1971, Railway tracks and compartments were damaged by the CP(M) workers ;

(b) if so, the losses to railway property at the hands of the anti-social elements ; and

(c) whether Railway Protection Force took any action against the culprits and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) The extent of direct loss is estimated at Rs. 3,000/-

(c) On this day of Hartal the Railway Protection Force along with the local police did their best to prevent damage.

There was no damage on the South Eastern Railway.

There were only two incidents resulting in damage on the Eastern Railway.

The Government Railway Police concerned are conducting necessary investigation for taking appropriate action against the culprits.

**Selection Posts in the Traffic and Commercial Departments (Northern Railway)**

3303. **SHRI B. S. BHAURA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the period of officiating service pending selection against Selection Posts in the Traffic and Commercial Departments of the Northern Railway is treated as 'fortuitous' irrespective of the length of such service for over three years rendered by an incumbent against a permanent vacancy ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the practice obtaining in other Railway Administrations in this behalf ?

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

(b) Seniority against selection posts is reckoned from the date of regular promotion after proper selection. Service rendered prior to the date of selection by an employee is treated as 'fortuitous'.

(c) The practice obtaining on all Railways is the same as at (b) above.

**Reservation of seats/berths at Burhanpur Station (Central Railway)**

3304. **SHRI G. C. DIXIT :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to provide reservation for at least 4 Class III sleeper and two First class seats at Burhanpur Station for Bombay keeping in view its historical and industrial importance and a large number of passengers travelling from that station ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** Specific quotas for individual stations are allotted only where there is a regular and heavy demand for reservations keeping in view such demands from various stations and the total accommodation available on trains. On the basis of this criterion, Burhanpur does not qualify for specially set apart quotas. The demands for reservations from Burhanpur are, however, met to the extent feasible from the general quota or the intermediate station quota from the Reservation Controlling Station.