

**Production of Machine Tools Corporation of India (Private) Ltd., Ajmer**

\*209. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIC VIKAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the present output of the Machine Tools Corporation of India (Private) Ltd., Ajmer ;

(b) whether it is able to meet fully the country's requirements of machine tools ;

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take to meet the domestic demand ; and

(d) how do the prices of machine tools produced at the Ajmer unit compare with international prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIC VIKAS MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) Output of Machine Tool Corporation of India, Ajmer during 1970-71 is as follows :

3 Nos. of Universal Cutter Grinders and 180 components.

3 Nos. of Vertical Surface Grinders and 175 components.

2 Nos. of Crankshaft Grinders and 613 components ; and

4 Nos. of Tool Post Grinders.

(b) and (c). Firm demand for the machines with reference to types, sizes and prices has not been assessed so far. The question of the Company meeting fully the country's requirements of the types of machines for which it is licensed, does not arise at present, as the factory is yet to go into regular production. Even when it reaches the full production level, the company is not expected to meet all the requirements of grinding machines since even in the same basic types of machines for which the Company is licensed, it will take up manufacture of machines of certain sizes and ranges only.

Where definite gaps in requirements of the machines exist, Government will consider proposals from other existing units to diversify, and proposals for establishment of new units on merits, taking care to ensure optimum utilisation of available resources

and avoidance of duplication and wastage.

(d) The Company has not yet commenced regular production and as such it would not be feasible at present to compare the prices of machines manufactured or assembled by the Company with international prices.

**Looting of Trains on Eastern Railway**

\*210. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether four long distance trains viz. Amritsar Mail, Sealdah-Gaya Passenger, Dehra Dun Express and Samastipur-Sealdah Passenger and their brakevans carrying passenger luggage and transit parcels were looted by the robbers one after another on the night of 6th May, 1971 between the Bandel Junction and Adi Saptagram Station on the main line of the Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the total loss to passengers and the Railways ; and

(c) whether any investigation has been made by the Security forces of the Railways independently of the CRP and the West Bengal State Government's Criminal Investigation agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Three trains namely 5 Up Howrah-Amritsar Mail, 312-Down Samastipur-Sealdah Passenger and 337 Up Sealdah-Gaya Fast Passenger were victimised on the night of May 6/7, 1971, between Bandel and Adi Saptagram Railway Stations. While the 9 Up Doon Express was stopped twice, once near Adi Saptagram Station and again near Magra Station, by disconnecting hosepipe and pulling the alarm chain respectively, neither any passenger complained about any theft or looting nor was any luggage removed from the brakevan of this train.

(b) The extent of properties lost has not been assessed as yet.

(c) R.P.F. are not empowered to investigate such cases. However, they had ascertained the facts of the cases. Government Railway Police registered all the three cases and their investigation continues. One arrest has been made.