

the effect that the Railway Board should be abolished. As explained during the discussions on Demands for Grants relating to Railway Budget for 1967-68, the existing management-cum-technical setup of the Railway Board is considered well suited to run a concern like the Railways. In any case, the Administrative Reforms Commission have appointed a study team which will examine the administrative and financial arrangements for the working of the Indian Railways.

#### USE OF IMPORTED COMPONENTS FOR CAR MANUFACTURING

\*854. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether impoted components are still being used in the manufacture of cars in India;

(b) if so, the quantity of imported components being used in the Manufacture of cars at present;

(c) whether the question of replacing the imported components by indigenous components has been considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of imported components and indigenous content of each of the three makes of cars are as under:

Make of Car	Value of Indigenous content	
	Rs.	Rs.
Ambassador	350	97%
Fiat	185	98.1%
Standard Herald	1150	91.2%

(c) and (d). Concerted efforts are being made to substitute the imported items by indigenous items, by development of their manufacture in the plants of the car manufacturers or of the ancillary manufacturers.

#### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR BOKARO STEEL PROJECT

\*855. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders for construction materials and equipment required by the Bokaro Steel Project have been allocated to the major structural fabricators in the country; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that hardly any such orders have been placed with the leading firms in West Bengal which are badly affected by recession?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) and (b). The Hon. Member is presumably referring to orders for steel structurals required for Bokaro Steel Plant. Orders have recently been placed for the major part of these requirements and a fair amount of work has gone to firms in West Bengal.

#### UTILIZATION OF KIPPING LOAN

\*856. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the utilisation of Kipping Loan from U.K. is slow;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to accelerate its utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

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

#### FIVE STAND COLD ROLLING MILL

\*857. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Government has agreed to set up a five stand cold rolling mill in Urals for India and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) the estimated capacity of production of steel sheets annually;