

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IMPORTED FROM WEST GERMANY

*861. **SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI**: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Broad Gauge WDS3 and N. G. ZDM3 diesel locomotives imported from West Germany have remained out of order from the time they were received in India and if so, the reasons therefor and how their ineffectiveness compares with the normal target for diesel locomotives;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board are contemplating a series of comparative tests on WDS3 locomotives with the existing hydraulic transmission and an imported German Transmission in view of serious doubts about the efficiency of the existing Suri Transmission as a result of tests conducted by RDSOO.

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite poor results with the earlier locomotives, the Railway Board have again placed an order for 82600 H.P. locomotives on another German firm but with the same type of Transmission and Engine whose efficiency on a locomotive has yet to be established by the manufacturers in their own country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) *WDS3*

Locomotives:—No, Sir. These locomotives have been working satisfactorily except for some period when they were withdrawn from service due to failures of crank shafts. The locos have been working satisfactorily after the crank shafts were replaced and their average in effectiveness from January-October, 1967 has been 14.1% which is within the prescribed percentage of 15%.

ZDM3:—No ZDM3 locomotives have been imported by the Indian Railways.

(b) No, Sir. Suri Transmission has proved to be quite satisfactory and there are no doubts about its efficiency. The Board, are, however, arranging for comparative trials with similar locos fitted with Suri Transmission and Voith Hydraulic transmission to assess the comparative economy of these transmissions.

(c) No, Sir. As stated above the results with the earlier locos fitted with Suri Transmission have been generally satisfactory. Therefore, with a view to develop the application of Suri Transmission on locomotives of higher horse power range, an order for 8 Broad Gauge Main Line diesel locos of 2500 H.P. has been placed on M/s. Rhein-stahl Henschel, West Germany.

(d) Does not arise.

SETTING UP OF SPINNING MILLS IN CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR

*862. **SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH**: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme for the setting up of spinning mills in the Cooperative Sector has been seriously dislocated because of the non-availability of block funds for the last two years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide necessary finance to the Cooperative sector for the setting up of spinning mills?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the reply given by the Deputy Prime Minister to Unstarred Question No. 4335 by Shri Shiva Chandra Jha on the 14th December, 1967, in which the position was explained fully.

चेकोस्लोवाकिया के साथ व्यापार

*863. **श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत ने चेको-स्लोवाकिया के साथ कोई व्यापार करार किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस करार की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं तथा इस करार के अन्तर्गत किन-किन वस्तुओं का आयात तथा निर्यात किया जायेगा ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) और (ख). 7 नवम्बर, 1963 को भारत तथा चेकोस्लोवाकिया के बीच हुआ व्यापार करार