

(c) if so, the steps taken to get the standing orders implemented ; and

(d) whether the H. E. L. Workers Association, Hardwar has made any representation to Government in this regard ; if so, the nature of their demands and the steps taken by Government to implement them ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir, but this Union is not a recognised union. There is therefore no question of considering their representation.

Heavy Engineering Works

*1235. **SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. S. S. R. Government have asked the Government of India to set up a special machinery to control Heavy Engineering Works in the country ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) the names of heavy engineering works proposed to be covered by this Special Machinery in case Government are prepared to set up such a machinery ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The Soviet authorities have suggested the establishment of machinery for detailed planning and coordination of production of machine plants being set up in India. This is under consideration.

Ring Railway around Delhi

*1236. **SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the work of constructing a Ring Railway around Delhi is likely to be completed ;

(b) the time by which it is likely that the ring rail traffic will be the projected working ;

(c) the amount already spent upto December, 1967 and what are the targets of expenditure during 1968 ; and

(d) the detailed plan for running a ring railway service round about Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The sanctioned project is known as "Delhi Avoiding Lines and Connected Traffic Facilities". The work has been programmed to be completed by 31-12-1968, when the line will be opened for goods traffic.

(c) (i) The amount already spent upto December, 1967, is Rs. 3.82 crores and upto end of March, 1968 is Rs. 4.22 crores.

(ii) The budget allotment for 1968-69 is Rs. 54 lakhs. The likely expenditure upto end of 31-3-69 would be Rs. 4.76 crores.

(d) No detailed plans have been formulated so far.

Meeting of Central Board of Railway Research at Delhi

*1237. **SHRI RABI RAY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of the Central Board of Railway Research ;

(b) whether a meeting of the Central Board of Railway Research was held at Delhi on the 23rd March, 1968 to review the research activities connected with various facets of railway working ; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the Board regarding safety, efficiency and economy in the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-898/68.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A copy of the draft Minutes of the meeting is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-898/68.]