

(c) the alternative measures which are contemplated to complete the said project according to the schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) to (c). In August 1967, the Indian Aluminium Company Ltd., Calcutta, requested for Government's permission to take up negotiations with the International Finance Corporation, Washington, for a loan of \$ 3 million to cover a possible gap in the requirements connected with their new aluminium smelter at Belgaum (Mysore) and new aluminium rolling mill in Maharashtra State. The Government of India had already approved the Company's proposals for foreign exchange financing for the Belgaum smelter and Maharashtra rolling mill upto a ceiling of 13.5 million (or about Rs. 10.125 crores). In view of the increased indigenous availability of different equipment, it was felt that the Company may not require any foreign exchange in addition to the sum of Rs. 10.125 crores already arranged. The Company were, therefore, advised to expedite furnishing details of equipment needed for the rolling mill. They have now informed that they would not require any additional amount of foreign exchange for the rolling mill.

SALOONS FOR RAILWAY OFFICERS

*707. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of saloons on Indian Railways for use of the Railway Officers:

(b) the capital cost of these saloons and how much is spent on the maintenance and upkeep of these saloons;

(c) the services and equipment provided in these saloons; and

(d) whether any deduction is made from the T.A./D.A. of the Officers provided with the saloons?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) There are about 628 4-wheeled, 58 6-wheeled and 352 bogie inspection carriages on the Indian Railways in addition to 16 airconditioned/non-airconditioned saloons and 116 special type tourist cars used by VIP's and public.

(b) The capital costs of individual inspection carriages vary depending on a

variety of factors such as the date of building, type, gauge, etc. The estimated average capital cost of the existing bogie and four-wheeler inspection carriages is about Rs. 54,000 and Rs. 34,000 each respectively on the Broad Gauge, Rs. 38,000 and Rs. 18,000 on the Metre Gauge, and Rs. 21,000 and Rs. 6,000 on the Narrow Gauge. Inspection Carriages form part of the Railways' coaching stock, or the maintenance of which, there is only one head of account (No. 2100) under "Revenue Expenditure".

(c) The equipment provided in Inspection Carriages varies. In addition to facilities for sleeping, cooking, and office work, some carriages also have a care-taker-cum-cleaner as also accommodation for a stenographer.

(d) TA/DA of Railway Officers travelling on duty in inspection Carriages has been fixed taking into consideration the existing facilities provided.

AUTOMOBILE SPARE PARTS MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN KERALA

*708. **SHRI A. K GOPALAN :**
SHRI P. GOPALAN :
SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an automobile spare parts manufacturing factory in Kerala with the help of Czechoslovakia;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The Central Government has not received any such proposal.

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

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

*4709. **SHRI NAMBIAR :**
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :
SHRI K. RAMANI :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Durgapur Steel Plant decided to go on strike from the 27th February, 1968;