

(b) In the case of most of the categories, the despatches are not delayed; only in some of the 'Scarce' categories delays in the supply of materials by the main producers have been known to occur.

(c) Government has been taking all possible measures to increase the production of scarce categories.

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANTS

*277. SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bombs were recovered from the house of an employee of Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain incriminating papers including literature and flag of Communist Party were recovered from that house; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the said employee and the steps which are being taken to prevent sabotage in this steel plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ASSAM

*279. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI :
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :

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

(a) the number and nature of new industries started in Assam during the last five years;

(b) whether the industrial development of the State is proceeding according to the schedule and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the new industries proposed to be started in the near future in the State in the Public and private sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) (c). Information is being collected and

it will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

DIESELISATION ON RAILWAYS

*280. SHRI NAMBIAR :
SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to test dieselisation or railway traction the coal industry is facing crisis;

(b) whether it is a fact that Steel, Mines and Metals Ministry have requested Ministries to go slow with the Railway dieselisation; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Dieselisation will largely cover additional traffic generated on the Railways. The total coal consumption on the Railways is, therefore, not expected to go down materially, and such reduction should not cause a crisis in the coal industry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of the operational advantages of diesel over steam traction, and its superiority in terms of the return on capital outlay and in quickly building up capacities for additional traffic, it has not been considered necessary to revise the policy of diselisation. Dieselisation is, however, being suitably tailored to match the reduced traffic anticipations in high density areas.

RECOVERY OF STEEL SHEETS FROM RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*281. SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1000 steel sheets valued at about Rs. 25,000 have been recovered from railway employees' quarters near Ballygunge on the 30th January, 1968;

(b) whether 3 class IV Railway employees including a Shunter and a Pointsmen have been arrested; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these steel sheets were removed from a wagon during transit ?