

की योजना के अनुसार रेलवे लाइन बिछाने से रेलवे को घाटा हुआ है और रेलवे ने भविष्य में नई रेलवे लाइनों का निर्माण करने के लिए योजना आयोग की सिफारिशों की परवाह न करने तथा अपने ही विशेषज्ञों की राय पर निर्भर करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या योजना आयोग ने इसके लिए रेलवे को अनुमति दे दी है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री खे० मु० पुनाचा): (क) किसी नई लाइन का निर्माण शुरू करने से पहले, उपलब्ध आंकड़ों और राज्य सरकारों और अन्य मंत्रालयों द्वारा सम्बन्धित क्षेत्र के सम्भावित औद्योगिक और खनिज विकास के बारे में दी गई जानकारी के आधार पर यातायात का बिस्तृत अनुमान लगाया जाता है। उस के बाद योजना आयोग की मंजूरी ली जाती है। चूंकि नई रेलवे लाइनों का निर्माण सम्बन्धित राष्ट्रीय योजना का एक अंग माना जाता है इसलिए यह प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाती है। पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में बनाई गयी कुछ नयी लाइनों से अभी तक उतना प्रतिफल नहीं मिला है जिसकी पहले प्रत्याशा की गई थी जबकि अन्य लाइनों से प्रत्याशित प्रतिफल मिला है। फिर भी, भारी औद्योगिक, खनिज और अन्य परियोजनाओं के लिए अपेक्षित रेलवे लाइनों पर विचार करते समय वित्तीय प्रतिफल की संगणना के लिये एक दीर्घकालिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाया जाता है।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता।

Strikes and Lock-outs in West Bengal

*1548. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of labour that was thrown out of employment due to Gheraos, strikes and lock-outs in West Bengal during the regime of united Front Government and the consequent amount of loss of wages to them ;

(b) the amount of approximate loss to the Companies or individuals owning those factories ; and

(c) its effect on the Central and State revenues ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Nylon Yarn by Small Scale Units

*1549. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of nylon yarn in the country and its prices are high ;

(b) if so, the reasons for not granting permission to the small-scale units to supplement the production by producing nylon yarn from caprolactum chips at cheaper cost; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit the installation of small scale units also ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Indigenous production of nylon yarn is growing rapidly At present, with the imports effected by S. T. C. there is no report of any shortage in the country. Prices of nylon yarn have recently come down.

(b) and (c). It is estimated that by the end of 1970 the production would go up to 10 million Kgs and it may not be profitable for small scale producers to go into production.

Hindustan Machine Tools

*1550. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7467 on the 16th April, 1968 and state :

(a) for what types of machinery the scheme regarding offering of Hindustan Machine tools on hire will be applicable;

(b) whether consideration has also been given to the question of giving such machines on hire-purchase basis; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

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

(a) The rental scheme of Hindustan Machine Tools Limited covers the following machines :

- (1) LB Lathes, (2) H22 Lathes.
- (3) Radial Drills, (4) Turret Lathes,
- (5) Milling machines (Mechanical),
- (6) Grinding machines and (7) Gear Shapers.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The hirer will have the option to purchase the machinery outright within two years and in such a case, 50 per cent of the rent collected as on the day of purchase will be refunded to the hirer and he will have to pay full price of the machine.

Import of Non-ferrous Metals

*1551. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation is finding difficulty in securing necessary supplies of non-ferrous metals from the world market;

(b) if so, the items in which difficulty is being experienced; and

(c) the reasons for which Government do not allow the actual users to strike the deals with the private sources for these items and liberalise the policy in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, there has been some difficulty in the last two years, in obtaining Nickel at producers price.

(c) The item is canalized for import through M.M.T.C.

Automatic Devices for preventing Accidents

*1552 SHRI M. S. MURTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one Shri D. S. Shastri, Advocate, Hyderabad has designed Automatic devices for preventing Railway accidents (i) at level crossing : (ii) an automatic warning whistle blowing apparatus for unmanned level crossings (iii) a new method of indicating the singles red, green and yellow on the instrument pannel of the engine itself in spite of rain or fog ;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision on his request to give a trial to his devices ;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the way in which this devices differs from the previous prototypes on trail in the Eastern and Central Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Shri Sastri has sent only one proposal which is for developing automatic device for preventing accidents at level crossing.

(b) The proposal has been examined in detail and it has been found that the device will not be of practical utility to the Railways.

(c) The proposal of Shri Sastri is for an obsolete form of mechanical type of Automatic Train Control, which was tried on the Railways, and abandoned in favour of a better type of control now under installation on Eastern Railway.

(d) The basic difference is that the prototype equipment, put on field trials on Eastern Railway, is based on A. C. inductive system which does not involve any physical contact between the equipment on the locomotive and that on the track, thus avoiding damages to equipment and failure of equipment, whereas Shri Sastri has given an outline for a device which will involve physical contact between shoes on the locomotive and ramps on the track.