

**Statement**

*Statement showing the countries from which copper and zinc are likely to be imported through M. M. T. C.*

Copper :	U. S. A.	10,600 tonnes
	Canada	400 tonnes
Zinc :	Japan	6,865 tonnes
	U. S. A.	5,900 tonnes
	U.S.S.R.	9,000 tonnes
	Australia	1,375 tonnes
	Canada	935 tonnes
	Zambia	935 tonnes
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,010 tonnes</b>

**Producers of Railway Wagons in West Bengal**

\*656. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three major producers of Railway Wagons in West Bengal were affected by labour trouble, strikes and lock-outs for a prolonged period during the last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have now been given a very short time to clear their back-logs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they have been asked to reduce their prices; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to bring about labour peace in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The prices were reduced, for those quantities which remained undelivered beyond the contractual delivery date, to fall in line with the current contract prices which were arrived at through tenders and negotiations.

(d) information is being collected by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Central Sericulture Research Institute, Berhampur.**

\*657. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the Central Sericulture Research Institute Employees' Association, Berhampur, West Bengal containing serious charges against the present Director of the Institute;

(b) if so, the contents of the said memorandum; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c) . No such memorandum has been received from Central Sericultural Research Station Non-gazetted Employees' Association, Berhampur. The Association however sent a copy of the resolution passed by it containing certain complaints' grievances in respect of administrative matters of the Research Station. The Association is not a recognised one and, as is normal in case of such Associations, no notice has been taken of the resolution.

**Import Substitution**

\*658. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :  
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

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

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of the import substitution programme;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to step up the drive for import substitution?