

गाड़ियों में सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस का पहरा रहता है। इसके अलावा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में में बिहार सैनिक पुलिस की सशस्त्र टुकड़ियां भी गाड़ियों में चलती हैं।

Foreign Collaboration

- *287. SHRI HARDAYAL
DEVGUN :
SHRI D.R. PARMAR :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI RABI RAY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow foreign collaboration even in low priority and non-essential fields of industry ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reasons for the change in policy in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Foreign collaboration is normally not allowed in low priority and non-essential fields of industry. However, as a part of the measures to promote exports of non-traditional industrial products from India, Government have recently decided that a relaxation may be made in the above policy where the foreign collaborator agrees to under-write a *major* share of the production for exports.

Labour Trouble in Durgapur Steel Plant

*288. SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that throughout the year 1968, there were persistent labour troubles at the Durgapur Steel Plant ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove the grievances of the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C.M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The labour situation, although better in 1968 compared to what it was in 1967, has not been satisfactory. The main reason is the inter-union rivalry between the Hindustan Steel Workers Union and the Hindustan Steel Employees Union;

(c) A Grievances Procedure is in existence and any genuine grievances of the employees are always given the fullest consideration.

Working of Soviet—Aided Projects to full capacity

- *289. SHRI CHINTAMANI
PANIGRAHI :
SHRI D.C. SHARMA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :

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

(a) whether the Soviet Economic Delegation which visited India recently had advised Government to step up public sector investment so as to enable Soviet-aided projects to work to full capacity ; and

(b) if so, what measures have been adopted so as to help these projects to work to full capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

A Soviet Delegation headed by Mr. S.A. Skachkov, Chairman, State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations, visited India during November-December, 1968 and held discussions covering various problems facing Soviet-aided projects in India during their present phase. On the conclusion of the visit, a protocol was signed between the two sides in which the Soviet authorities agreed to assist in certain measures designed to