

वैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूति मंत्री (श्री ब० रा० भगत) (क) 1965-66 में क्यूबा को भारतीय पटसन के माल की लगभग 5365 गांठों अथवा 1829 मे० टन का निर्यात किया गया था। तब से क्यूबा ने हमारे से पटसन के माल का कोई आयात नहीं किया है। क्यूबा को हमारे पटसन के निर्यात में गिरावट का कारण यह है कि उन्होंने वहीं उगाये जाने वाले केनाफ रेशे पर आधारित अपने टाट उद्योग की स्थापना कर ली है और वह 30,000 मे० टन का प्रति वर्ष उत्पादन कर सकता है। इसमें लगभग उनकी अपनी सभी आवश्यकताएं पूरी हो जाती हैं, जिनके लिए वह पहले भारत में आयात करते थे।

(ख) मोवियन रूम द्वारा ओडेम्सा अथवा अन्य किसी मार्ग से क्यूबा को भारतीय पटसन माल के निर्यातों के बारे में सरकार को कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Railway Goods Traffic

*25. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the goods traffic on Railways has increased tremendously during the last year ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) how much income has increased on this account ; and

(d) the steps which Railways have taken to make the service more efficient ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH). (a) and (b). The revenue earning tonnage loaded on Indian Government Railways during the

Calendar year 1968 indicates an increase of about 6.58 million tonnes or 4.2 per cent over the previous year.

(c) Goods earnings during the Calendar year 1968 increased by Rs. 43 crores or 8.6 per cent over the previous year. This increase was partly due to additional traffic and partly due to increase in rates.

(d) The following steps have been taken :—

(i) Special efforts are being made to reduce outstanding registrations and to arrange for their expeditious clearance.

(ii) A few selected important goods depots on different Railways have been exempted from ordinary operating restrictions to ensure uninterrupted service.

(iii) Transit time of wagon loads is being watched on Railways by special cells and action taken to eliminate avoidable delays.

(iv) Super Express Goods trains are being run on important trunk routes to provide expeditious movement of goods traffic.

(v) Containerised service has been introduced between selected terminals.

Export of H. S. L. Rails to Iran

*26. SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :
SHRI RAMA CHANDRA VEERAPPA :

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

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the agreement signed with the Government of Iran in August, 1968 for the export of H. S. L. rails for the Iranian States Railways ; and

(b) the quantity and value of rails that have been exported so far under this agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). A Letter of Credit for 10 per cent of the contract value has been established by the Iran Organisation. Trial rolling of the rail section has been undertaken in Bhilai Steel Plant. No shipment has so far taken place against this contract.

Talcher-Bimlagarh Rail Link

*27. SHRI S. KUNDU :
SHRI P. K. DEO :
SHRI D. N. DEB :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to conduct a technical and economic survey of Talcher—Bimlagarh rail link in Orissa ;

(b) whether Government have also decided to start the construction of the said rail line from 1971-72 ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys are proposed to be undertaken in 1969-70 for the Talcher-Bimlagarh rail link. A decision regarding to construction of the line can be taken only after the surveys are completed and the results thereof known.

Small Car Project

*28. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI MRITYUNJAY PRASAD :
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA :
SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :
SHRI D. AMAT :
SHRI S. R. DAMANI :

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

(a) Whether a final decision on the Small Car project has been taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether Government have received requests from the State Government seeking permission to set up Small Car Units in their states;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's decision in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Government of Mysore has sponsored a proposal for setting up of a project for the manufacture of Cars in collaboration with a Japanese firm.

(e) The proposal of the Mysore Government will be considered, along with other similar proposals, after a decision is taken on the inclusion of the Small Car project in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

Exemption of Indian Textite Exports from Britains Import Deposit Scheme

*29. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :
SHRI PRAKASHVIR SHASTRI :
SHRI J. MOHAMMAD IMAM :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government of U. K. has turned down India's plea for exempting its textile exports to that country from the import deposit scheme;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;