

Lok Sabha to implement the recommendations made in the Report submitted by the Commission appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri C. P. Ramaswami Iyer relating to the Hindu religious endowments, it lapsed on the dissolution of the Third Lok Sabha. A draft of a more comprehensive Bill called the Public Trusts Bill, 1968, applicable to all public religious and charitable trusts, incorporating therein the recommendations of the Commission has been circulated in August, 1968, to the State Governments and Union territory Administrations for comments. Some State Governments have yet to forward their comments. The Bill is likely to be finalised shortly after receipt of comments from all the State Governments.

Losses incurred by Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

*603. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, has incurred heavy losses during the last three years;

(b) if so, the quantum of such losses;

(c) when is the company expected to break even; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to improve the working of this Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b). The losses incurred by Heavy Engineering Corporation from 1966-69 are as follows:

1966-67—Rs. 6.23 crores.

1967-68—Rs. 16.47 crores.

1968-69—Rs. 17.60 crores (estimated).

(c) With adequate work load, the company is expected to break even in 1973-74.

(d) The top management of the company has been reorganised and steps are being taken to locate and remedy deficiencies.

Industrial Climate in West Bengal

*604. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH
CHAUDHARY:

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

(a) whether the industrial climate in West Bengal has shown any improvement during the last 8 months since the new Government came into power there;

(b) whether the attendance in different establishments has improved;

(c) whether the co-operation of the labour has been forthcoming and the production in the industries is picking up gradually; and

(d) if not, the shortfall in production of industrial goods in the State of West Bengal and the capacity which remains idle because of strained labour relations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) The Statistical data available with the DGTD shows that there is no significant fall in production in many of the industries during first and second quarter of 1969 as compared to 1968.

(b) and (c). This information is not available.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Steel

*605. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of steel, quality-wise, in the country both in public and private sectors;