

(i) *Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan.*

68 B.G. steam locos, 48 B.G. electric locos and 17 B. G. diesel shunters.

ii) *Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi.*

60 B. G. and 10 M. G. diesel locomotives.

(iii) *M/s. Tata Engineering and Locomotive Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur.*

53 M.G. steam locomotives.

(c) and (d). 30 M.G. diesel locomotives were imported from Canada during 1968-69 as adequate indigenous manufacturing capacity did not exist at that time.

(e) and (f). M/s. Tata Engineering and Locomotive Co. have been engaged not only in the manufacture of metre gauge steam locomotives, but also on other equipment. They have indicated that they would not be in a position to undertake the manufacture of any more locomotives after the current order finishes in March 1970.

आदिम जातीय लोगों में अज्ञान्ति

*350. श्री रणजीत सिंह :

श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी :

श्री नारायण स्वरूप शर्मा :

श्री राम गोपाल शालवाले :

क्या विधि तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नक्सलवादी तत्व आदिम जातीय लोगों की गरीबी और उनके पिछड़ेपन का लाभ उठाकर उन्हें हिंसात्मक कार्य करने के लिए भड़का रहे हैं और इस प्रकार इससे राजनीतिक लाभ उठा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार भूमि तथा अन्य मामलों में उनकी शिकायतें दूर करके देश को इस खतरे से बचाने का है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि मंत्रालय और समाज कल्याण विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (डा० श्रीमती) फूलरेणु गुह) :
(क) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार उग्रवादी आंध्र प्रदेश तथा देश के अन्य कुछ भागों में आदिम जातीय लोगों को हिंसात्मक कार्य करने के लिए भड़का रहे हैं।

(ख) तथा (ग). केन्द्रीय सरकार ने सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों को आदिम जातीय लोगों की सामाजिक-आर्थिक शिकायतों के लिए पर्याप्त कार्यवाही करने की आवश्यकता के बारे में बलपूर्वक कहा है। सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में उठाये गये कदमों के बारे में उन राज्य सरकारों से सम्पर्क बनाए हुए है।

Import of Steel

*351. SHRI J. M. BISWAS :
SHRI SARJOO PANDEY ;
SHRI ISHAQ SAMABHALI ;
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to import steel to meet the current shortage of steel in the country; and

(b) If so, the quantity and value of steel to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF DEEENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) For the present, It has been decided to import 60,000 tonnes of mild steel mainly flat products, valued at about Rs. 6 crores to ensure that the export activity in Engineering goods is not hampered.

Fall in Demand for Wagons by Users

*352. SHRI S C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the steep

fall in the demand for wagons is due to the factor of theft and damage of goods during Rail transit;

(b) whether It is also a fact that the growing insufficiency in the Railways for handling goods properly, carefully and promptly, the users have been increasingly shifting their demand from the Railways to the road traffic which is free from corruption, which is prevalent in the Railways, and at the same time delivers goods at the doors; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to reassure faith in the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : (a) It is not a fact that there has been a steep fall in the demand for wagons. On the other hand, the demand for wagons has increased.

(b) No, Sir. The main reason for diversion of goods traffic from railways to roads is the inherent advantage of door to door service which road transport possesses, as also the speedier transit it can provide for non-bulk consignments. With the planned development of roads in the country in the past few years, the increasing production of road vehicles and liberal issue of permits, this diversion has become more pronounced.

(c) The Railways continuously strive to improve the quality of service. Some aspects that receive constant attention are timely supply of wagons, and reduction in transit time. Various measures are being taken to prevent loss and damage to the consignments both in transit and during loading and unloading. Collection and delivery services are organised to provide integrated rail-cum-road transport. Container services are introduced between important stations to provide door to door service and eliminate costly packing and at the same time save damage and pilferage in transit. A Marketing and Sales Organisation has been set up on each Railway so that all aspects of railway working having a bearing on consumer satisfaction can be kept under watch at a fairly high level.

Nationalisation of Key Industries

*353. SHRI HEM BARUA :
SHRI ARJUN SINGH
BHADORIA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to nationalise certain key sectors of our industry ; and

(b) if so, the names of the industries and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). It is intended that the role of the public sector should be substantially expanded and developed in the coming years, so that it can achieve commanding heights in various key sectors.

Plan to increase Speed of Existing Trains

*354. SHRI K. HALDER :
SHRI BADRUDDUJA :
SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are planning to increase the speed of the existing trains ;

(b) if so, how soon ;

(c) whether his Ministry has any scheme to provide the Third Class Compartments with cheap coir latex cushions ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) whether his Ministry has any plan to have sleeping berths in the Third Class Air-Conditioned trains and if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF LAWS AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON). (a) No; Sir.

(b) Does not arise.