

the shifts in the Industrial Policy Resolution;

(b) whether Government have got the details of the new policy to be pursued by the State Government; and

(c) how far the proposed new industrial policy of Kerala Government will conform to the overall pattern of the Industrial Policy Resolution of the Central Government?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). A news item appearing in a section of the press has come to the notice of the Government according to which the Industries Minister of Kerala is stated to have hinted at the possibility of a shift in the industrial policy of the State Government. He is, however, stated to have declined to give the details of the new policy which, according to him, is still under State Government's consideration. The news item does not mention the Industrial Policy Resolution as such. No further information in the matter is available with the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Manufacture of X-Ray Tubes

\*341. Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri G. C. Nalk:  
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:  
Shri A. Dipsa:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture X-Ray tubes in the public sector in India;

(b) if so, how much annual saving in foreign exchange will be made as a result thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to have any foreign collaboration in this project; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Yes, Sir. M/s. Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore propose to manufacture X-Ray Tubes.

(b) About Rs. 47.60 lakhs per annum.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. Details are under examination.

#### Operating Efficiency of Indian Railways

\*342. Shri K. P. Singh Deo:  
Shri D. N. Patodia:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons which are standing in the way of increasing the efficiency of operation and the speed of the Indian Railways as compared to other developed countries despite the very large investments in the recent times; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the norms of operation of the Indian Railways?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C.M. Poonacha): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-311/67].

#### Khetri Copper Project

\*343. Shri D. N. Patodia:  
Shri N. K. Somani:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the capital outlay that was originally estimated some years back for the Khetri Copper Project and the latest estimate of the capital outlay which has been prepared for this project;

(b) the period during which this project was originally estimated to be completed and the period which Government now consider necessary to complete the project;

(c) if the completion of the project is likely to take a longer time, the reasons therefor; and