

(d) whether the estimated total output of the project on completion is considered economic in the context of its capital outlay?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. M. Chenna Reddy): (a) The capital outlay for the Khetri Copper Project for the production of 21,000 tonnes of copper per annum estimated in 1962 was Rs. 24.44 crores.

The revised capital cost for the enlarged project which will produce 31,000 tonnes of copper metal per annum (21,000 tonnes from Khetri and 10,000 tonnes from the ore at Kolihan) along with the Sulphuric Acid and Fertiliser Plant is estimated at Rs. 73.52 crores.

(b) Originally it was proposed to complete the project by 1966. It is now expected that it will be commissioned by end of 1969-70.

(c) The delay was occasioned by non-availability of foreign credit to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the project. Besides, it was also decided to enlarge the scope of the project and also to make provision for the recovery and utilisation of by-products to improve the economics of the project.

(d) In view of the scarcity of copper metal and the importance of developing indigenous production and also the ruling prices of the metal, the project is considered economic even at the revised capital cost.

Shooting of an M.L.A. (U.P.) in running Train

*344. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Darbari Lal M.L.A. (U.P.) was shot dead on the 16th March, 1967 in a train near Bhupia Mau Railway Station, three miles from Partapgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measure Government propose to take to prevent such incidents taking place in the running trains?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Shri Darbari Lal, MLA accompanied by his friend, a Principal of a local school, left Allahabad by 357 Up at 10.35 P.M. on 16th March 1967. He was sleeping in a third class compartment. Just after the train left Bhupia Mau Station, it was stopped by pulling the alarm chain at about 00.30 hours. Some persons entered the compartment and fired 3 shots at Shri Darbari Lal. The assailants got down and disappeared in the fields under cover of darkness. Shri Darbari Lal was taken to Partapgarh station, given medical aid and then sent to Civil Hospital where unfortunately he expired.

(c) Maintenance of law and order in railway premises as also safety and security of railway property and life and property of passengers and railway employees is the responsibility of the State Government and the State Government Railway Police and close co-operation as required is maintained with them at various levels.

Export-oriented Spinning Mills

*345. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri C. Janardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the location of the centrally sponsored export-oriented spinning mills; and

(b) if so, the places chosen for the same?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The question of location of Centrally sponsored export-oriented spinning mills is under examination.