

Braithwaite & Co. leading to threat of large scale retrenchment of workers there;

(b) the basis on which such orders are allocated between wagon builders and whether any complaints of undue favouritism have been received in this respect; and

(c) whether the slump in the estimated demand for wagons is due to unforeseen economic recession in the country or to faulty planning

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) There has been a reduction in the number of wagons ordered from all wagon builders in keeping with the revised requirements of wagons for meeting the Railways requirements in respect of freight transport and in keeping with the financial resources placed at the disposal of the Railways.

(b) The quantity available for ordering has been distributed amongst the different wagon builders taking into account the outstanding load available with the firms from the previous orders and their past performance in such a way that the distribution amongst the various builders is equitable, ensuring at the same time that the Total expenditure incurred in the procurement of wagons is kept at the lowest level by a suitable adjustment in the prices offered to builders who had quoted higher rates.

Slight incentive in the form of additional order to firms who have quoted low rates and or secure orders for export of wagons, was also given

There has been one complaint from a firm stating that they had been discriminated against but it has been found that there are no grounds for this.

(c) Reduction in demand for wagons is attributable to the unforeseen economic recession in the country.

#### Manufacture of Small Cars

\*196. Shri K. Lakkappa:

Shri M. V. Rajasekharan:

Will the Minister of Industrial

Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mysore Government have submitted a proposal to manufacture small cars;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in library. See No LT-177/67].

#### कपड़े के उत्पादन पर निबंधन

\* 196. श्री हे० शि० पाटिल :  
श्री टी० धार० पाटिल :  
श्री रामचंद्र उलाका :  
श्री कुलेश्वर नीना :  
श्री जगपति प्रभासी :  
श्री हीरजी भाई :

क्या बाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार कपड़े पर से नियंत्रण हटाने का है ;

(ख) क्या वस्त्र मालाहकार समिति ने नियंत्रण हटाने की माग की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

बाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री शफी कुरेशी) : (क) और (ख). जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

#### Import of Machinery and Equipment for Bauxite Mines

\*197. Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri G. C. Naik:  
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:  
Shri A. Dipa:

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

(a) whether the Indian Aluminium

Company has been offered a \$ 2 million loan by the Export-Import Bank to help finance procurement of machinery and equipment from U.S.A. for development of Bauxite mines in the country;

(b) if so, the terms of the loan; and

(c) which of the Bauxite mines in this country are proposed to be developed under this loan?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) In March 1965, the Indian Aluminium Company Ltd., Calcutta, were permitted to negotiate with Exim Bank of U.S.A. for a foreign change loan to finance partly the import of a part of plant and machinery required for a new aluminium project at Belgaum in Mysore State, including development of bauxite mines to feed the proposed aluminium smelter. On 21st February, 1967, Exim Bank announced their agreement to extend a loan of U.S. \$2 million to the Indian company.

(b) Detailed terms and conditions regarding the loan are still under negotiation.

(c) The Belgaum Aluminium smelter is based on the bauxite deposits in the South Kolhapur region of Maharashtra and the deposits in the Belgaum and North Kanara Districts of Mysore.

#### Location of the 5th Steel Plant

\*198. Shri Seethyan:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri S. Supakar:  
Shri Eswara Reddy:

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

(a) whether any final decision has been taken regarding the location of the 5th steel plant in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the capacity and the financial outlay decided in this regard?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Import of Golf Equipment

251. Dr. Karnj Singhji: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the acute shortage of Golf equipment in the country and also in view of foreign exchange being earned by export of sports goods like hockey-sticks and footballs, Government propose to earmark some foreign exchange so earned for the import of Golf equipment; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Under the present policy for registered exporters, only import replenishment is allowed i.e. what is needed to product.

In terms of the current import policy, applications from recognised clubs are being considered for import of golf balls.

#### Railway Line from Khurda Road to Balasagr

252. Shri A. Dipa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a preliminary survey for con-