

existing capacities and the capacities considered necessary to meet the internal demand for each item by the end of the 4th Plan period and also the export requirements.

(d) The applications received within the stipulated date are at present being examined.

Monopolistic trends in Auditing Business

*858. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to curb monopolistic trend in auditing business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of big monopolists in the line?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (b). Detailed particulars of auditorships in different companies are being collected in order to decide upon the precise steps if any, which should be taken in the matter.

(c) It is not possible to indicate such names till the collection of data has been completed.

Transshipment of Foodgrains to and Cattle from famine stricken Areas in Rajasthan

*859. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the transshipment of foodgrains is done by the Railways to the famine stricken areas of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the demand of wagons is fully met;

(c) whether the Railways are pressed for meeting demands for transshipping cattle of Rajasthan to pastures; and

(d) if so, how the problem has been met?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI G. L. NANDA) : (a) Presumably, the reference is to the transport

of foodgrains. Transport of foodgrains to famine affected areas of Rajasthan was arranged by Railways, as per demand, on preferential basis.

(b) Demand was met in full. From September 1968 to February 1970, 14,568 broad gauge and 38,359 metre gauge wagons were loaded with foodgrains on Government and trade account to destinations in Rajasthan.

(c) Presumably the reference is to transport of cattle from Rajasthan. A request was received from the State Government for movement of cattle from drought affected districts to other areas only in September 1968.

(d) Adequate arrangements were made by the Railways to move cattle on top priority basis and during the period September, 1968 to February 1970, 11,981 metre gauge wagons were loaded with cattle from stations in Bikaner and Jodhpur Divisions of Northern Railway to other places.

Setback to Industrial Growth as a Result of Political Crisis

*860. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present political crisis in the country has hampered the industrial growth; and

(b) if so, how far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The Political situation in the country has had no adverse effect on industrial growth. On the contrary, index of industrial production, with the year 1960 as base equal to 100, which was 152.4 during the year 1966 and 151.4 during the year 1967, registered an increase to 161.1 during the year 1968, and rose further to 173.00 (provisional) in 1969. Indices for the period January-September of the years 1967, 1968 and 1969 were 151.6, 159.5 and 171.1, respectively.

(b) Does not arise.