

**Foreign Consultancy Service for
Underground Railway in Calcutta**

*1730. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he had advised the Railway Board to secure foreign consultancy service for an underground Railway in Calcutta within the next three months ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps the Railway Board have taken towards this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) to (c). The proposal to obtain the services of foreign experts is being progressed in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Industrial Growth

*1731. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the rate of industrial growth during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise ;

(b) whether any assessment has been made to find out whether the imports have been adequate for the industrial growth ; and

(c) if not, the causes for the sluggish growth in the industrial sphere in the States ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Available statistics pertain to industrial growth for all-India as such and not State-wise. There is no indication of adverse effect on industrial growth. On the contrary, the Index of industrial production with the year 1960 as base equal to 100, rose from 151.4 during the year 1967 to 161.1 during the year 1968 and it rose further to 173.9 (provisional) in 1969.

(b) Government's import policy is calculated to promote industrial growth in general and production in priority industries and export-oriented industries in particular.

(c) Does not arise.

**Under-Utilization of Capacity of
H. E. C., Ranchi**

*1732. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI :
SHRI RAM CHARAN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation is one of the many public sector undertakings which have utilized only 15 per cent of their capacity in 1968-69 ;

(b) whether Government had not made a proper scrutiny of feasibility studies and project report before embarking upon this project ; and

(c) if so, the reasons behind this dismal performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) During 1968-69 the production in the various plants as a percentage of the rated capacity was as under :—

(i) Heavy Machine Building Plant	Mechanical	11%
	Structural	22%
(ii) Foundry Forge Plant		13%
(iii) Heavy Machine Tools Plant		2.2%

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The production build-up in the plants has not yet reached the rated capacity. In plants of this size and complexity, production build-up is gradual. With increased production taking place over a period of time as skills are acquired by the workers on heavy and sophisticated technological equipment and machinery, production should show substantial improvement.

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*1733. DR. P. MANDAL :
SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :

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

(a) whether Government will place a