

Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri N. K. Sengupta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether coir goods worth Rs. 15 lakhs have not been lifted from the various godowns in Mattancheri of Kerala due to lack of wagon facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha): (a) and (b). The Railways are only concerned with the actual demands placed at a particular station for clearance of goods and are not aware of the quantity and value of the goods lying in godowns.

In spite of heavy movement of imported foodgrain, fertiliser and other high priority traffic, efforts have been made to step up loading of coir traffic from Cochin Harbour Terminus station, which serves Mattancheri. During the period from 1st March to 6th June 1967, 178 wagons of coir were loaded at Cochin Harbour Terminus. In addition, 29,937 quintals of coir fibre and coir products were also cleared as 'smalls' from this station. In order to improve despatches of coir traffic, open wagons covered with tarpaulins are also being used.

Cement Factory in Orissa

3474. Shri Chiniamoni Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan advanced by Government to the Bargarh cement factory, Sambalpur (Orissa) owned by the Industrial Development Corporation;

(b) whether the factory has started production;

(c) if so, the capacity of the factory and the total investment made; and

(d) whether this factory is being sold away to any private firm when it has started production?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) A loan of Rs. 208.03 lakhs has been advanced by the Government to Bargarh cement factory upto 30th April, 1967.

(b) The factory has started trial production. Regular production is expected to commence in August, 1967.

(c) The capacity of the factory is 4 lakh tonnes per annum. An investment of Rs. 535.39 lakhs has been made upto 30-4-1967.

(d) No, Sir.

Lakshmi Rattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur

3475. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 267 on the 31st March, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the report of the Investigation Committee on the affairs of the Lakshmi Rattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur has been finally considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The Government of India have decided not to take over the management of any mill pending the passing of the Bill proposed to be introduced shortly, to enable taking over certain closed and likely to close mills. However, there is no objection to the State Government taking over this mill. The State Government has been informed to this effect.

इस्यल कारखानां की बिदेसी सहायता

3476. श्री राजमोवाल जाल्मदासे :
श्री यशपाल सिंह :

क्या इस्यल, जाल तथा चतु मंत्री
सह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 29 मई,
1967 के दैनिक समाचारपत्र "वेदिकट"