

Jan Locomotive Works in July, 1982 for fabrication of 1880 tons of steel structure;

(b) whether the contract was assigned to a firm whose quotation was highest of all the seven tenderers who had applied for it;

(c) whether the quantum of work was subsequently revised piecemeal to the benefit of the firm;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the entire deal for allotment of the contract to the firm has been investigated and responsibility fixed; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Fomacha): (a) Yes, in connection with the Steel Foundry Project.

(b) Initially out of 13 tenderers, three did not quote with "contractor's" steel; of the rest the eighth lowest was accepted for reasons recorded by the Tender Committee.

(c) and (d). A major revision in the quantum of work had to be made in the light of additional requirements worked out subsequently in consultation with technical collaborators for the Steel Foundry. This revision was solely in the interest of the Project.

(e) A high level Committee of Additional Members of the Railway Board was constituted to investigate into the procedural lapses noticed in this case which Committee has since been expanded to include a representative of Audit also as suggested by the Public Accounts Committee in their 72nd Report. This Committee will cover also the points raised in the said Report.

(f) Does not arise.

Export of Lac

515. Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri Dhirendranath:
Shri Yogendra Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of Lac has declined heavily necessitating the closure of certain factories;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of workers affected?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir. After a spell of decline during 1964-65 and 1965-66 exports are now showing an upward trend.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

गजरोला और चंदौली संकलन (उत्तर रेलवे)
के बीच रेलवे लाइन

516. श्री जोग प्रकाश खाली : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत की उत्तरी सीमा पर चीन के बढ़ते हुए खतरे को ध्यान में रखते हुए गजरोला और चंदौली संकलनों के बीच एक सीधी रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का प्रस्ताव है जिससे कि सभी परिस्थितियों में बिना टोक-टोक के दिल्ली बरेली रेलवे सेक्शन पर रेलगाड़िया चक्की रहें ; और

(ख) क्या रेलवे प्रशासन ने इस रेलवे लाइन को बिछाने की दृष्टि से कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है और यदि हाँ, तो उस का क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे. ए. मु. गुजरावा) :
(क) गजरोला और चंदौली के बीच सीधी रेलवे लाइन बिछाने के बारे में रत्ना मंत्रालय से अभी तक इस तरह का कोई सुझाव नहीं मिला है। इसके अलावा, गजरोला से चंदौली तक पहले ही रेलवे लाइन मौजूद है और परिवहन की दृष्टि से वहाँ एक और लाइन बिछाने का औचित्य नहीं है।