

ब्रानन्द नगर में रेलवे का अस्पताल

698. डा० बहादुर प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ब्रानन्द नगर में रहने वाले पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे कर्मचारियों ने एक श्रापन चेजा है जिसमें यह मांग की गई है कि वहां रेलवे का एक अस्पताल बनाया जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार को इस बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चं० मु० गुप्ता) :

(क) जी हां, जुलाई, 1966 में ।

(ख) ब्रानन्द नगर में रेलवे अस्पताल की व्यवस्था शीघ्रतया नहीं सम्पन्न हुई ।

Licences for manufacture of Watches

699. Shri Pashabhai Patel: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of Swiss Watch Manufacturers visited India in 1965 and made certain proposals for the setting up of a watch making industry in the country;

(b) if so, the result of the negotiations;

(c) whether it is a fact that after the visit of the Swiss delegation an officer of Hindustan Machine Tools visited these people in Switzerland and said that they would like to have a watch factory in the public sector and located in Kashmir and that the reply of the Swiss manufacturers was that they were not interested in a public sector project and that they did not regard Kashmir as a suitable location;

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the whole question again and issue an Industrial Licence if a suitable entrepreneur is forthcoming in the private sector, the lo-

cation being what would be decided by joint technological study; and

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). A delegation of Swiss Watch Makers visited India in May 1965 and put forward a tentative proposal for establishing a unit in India for manufacture of Watches. The Government informed them in discussions that they would, *inter alia*, prefer the unit to be in the public sector with foreign participation of 49 per cent. There were no further developments. The Managing Director of Hindustan Machine Tools visited Switzerland in 1966 for discussion with the Swiss authorities. The Swiss Party were inclined to collaborate with Hindustan Machine Tools subject to certain conditions but did not favour the location of the factory in Kashmir. It was decided to drop the matter.

(d) and (e). A proposal to set up a Watch Factory in Kashmir by a private party with Swiss Collaboration is under examination.

12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

AMBUSH OF SECURITY PATROL PARTY BY
MIZO HOSTILES

Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi (Bhopal): I call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The ambush by Mizo rebels of a mobile unit of Indian Security Forces on the Silchar-Aijal Road resulting in the reported death of nine security men and injuries to five others."