

taking in London and Sydney, are facing acute financial and other problems ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government in this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA-SHEKHAR SINGH) (a) to (c) : Mayur Restaurant, Sydney owned by Indian Tea and Restaurants Ltd. has made trading profits for the period April, 1984 to February, 1985, while London Restaurant of the company which has been started recently has faced tea thing problems. There has been an increase in the capital cost in response to which equity capital has been increased and an additional loan is being negotiated with Bank of Baroda.

Reduction in Import Duty on Shoemaking Machinery

7089. **SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH** : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received requests from the leather industry for reduction of import duty on certain items of machinery particularly required for shoe-making so that export earnings from this sector can be maximised in the coming years ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA-SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has reduced customs duty on the import of 100 items of machinery required by the leather industry, particularly for shoe-making.

Proposal to Create Central Project Division within S.A.I.L.

7090. **SHRI S.M. BHATTAM** . Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Association of the Bokaro Project Engineers suggested certain measures for proper utilisation of their skills in the larger interest of the steel sector ;

(b) the number of project engineers in Bokaro Steel Plant ;

(c) whether Government propose to create a central project division within the Steel Authority of India Limited to take up expansion and modernisation programmes ; and

(d) whether there are any proposals to utilise the experienced project engineers in such programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on April 26, 1985, there were 921 Engineers working in the project division of Bokaro Steel Plant.

(c) Work relating to the expansion of Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants is tapering off and the modernisation schemes of different steel plants are still under different stages of consideration by the Government. It is, therefore, not an opportune time to consider formation of a Central Project Division within SAIL to take up the modernisation programmes.

(d) When the modernisation programmes are approved by the Government, the services of these experienced Project Engineers may be utilised according to the requirement of the plants and the suitability of these engineers.

Sick Units Financed by Banks in Fishery Sector

7091. **SHRI D.P. JADEJA** : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3794 on 19 April, 1985 regarding finance from nationalised banks to fishery sector and state :