

the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-872/57]. The extent of exports during the current year and their destinations will depend upon the orders received.

(c) No billets were exported during the last year. During this Year 11,300 tonnes of billets have so far been exported to Japan and 9,900 tonnes to South Korea.

(d) In view of resins in demand from the re-rollers there is no shortage at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant

4305. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of the Durgapur Steel Plant is finally approved; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). This is still under consideration

Hoarding of Cotton Stocks by Textile Mills

4306. Shri Yogendra Sharma:
Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Gopal Shalwale:
Shri Kameshwar Singh: \

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any investigation into the allegation that some Cotton Textile Mills are hoarding cotton stocks;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) the names of the mills which have been found guilty in this respect; and

(d) the action taken against those mills?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (d). There have been general allegations about certain mills holding stocks of cotton in excess of their requirements and investigations are in progress.

Manufacture of Passenger Cars

4307. Shri Yogendra Sharma:
Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a marked deterioration in the quality of passenger cars manufactured in India,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken to improve the quality of such cars?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Complaints about defects in the passenger cars manufactured in India have been on the increase.

(b) and (c). Government propose to set up a Committee to go into the causes of deterioration in the quality of indigenously manufactured cars and to suggest remedial measures

Employees of Railway Electrification Calcutta Division

4308. Shri Umanath:
Shri Ganesh Ghosh:
Shri Mohammad Ismail:
Shri K. M. Abraham:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave an assurance that the employees of the Railway Electrification Project in Calcutta Division, who are likely to be retrenched, would be absorbed in other posts after their retrenchment;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any representation to ensure the absorption of these employees before giving them notices; and