

(ग) रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 16,400 रुपये की क्षति का अनुमान है ।

### Setting up of Public Sector Enterprises with Soviet Technical Collaboration

4.43. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector enterprises currently under construction with Soviet technical collaboration; and

(b) whether the progress in their construction is proceeding according to the Schedule?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). A statement showing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6123/66].

### Registered Iron and Steel Dealers

4244. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state the number of registered iron and steel dealers in the country at present in each State and each Union Territory separately?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6124/66].

### Public Sector Industries

4245. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the observations made by the Congress President at the last Jaipur Session, Government propose to expand the public sector; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). Government's present policy is in consonance with what was stated by the President of the Indian National Congress at the last Jaipur session, and subject to planned targets and available resources, Government will endeavour to expand the public sector not only in the industries listed in the Schedule 'A' of the Industrial Policy Resolution but also in other industries, including consumer industries.

### Indian Vessels for Import of Dates and Dry-fruits

4246. Shri P. C. Barman:  
Shri B. K. Das:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of imported dates and dry fruits from Persian Gulf areas have increased manifold since the introduction of licensing system;

(b) if so, what were the prices during the O.G.L. period and what they are at present;

(c) how much foreign exchange was involved during O.G.L. period and how much is involved at present to import the same cargoes; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that during O.G.L. period the Indian sailing vessels used to carry full cargo from these areas?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (v). Licensing was first introduced in respect of dry fruits, other than dates, from January, 1950 and in respect of dates from January, 1957. The present system of licensing for both was introduced from October, 1962 and the period prior to that is considered to be the O.G.L. period. From the information readily available two Statements have been prepared and

are laid on the Table of the House  
(Placed in Library. See No. LT-6125/  
66) indicating:—

(i) in respect of dry fruits other than dates, the total quantity, total value in foreign exchange, and average declared value per unit of imports in respect of each of the years 1948-52 and the year 1963-65; and

(ii) in respect of dates, the total quantity, total value in foreign exchange, and average declared value per unit of imports during the years 1954-58 and 1963-1965.

(d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### Import-Export Control Employees' Association

4247. Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Shri Warlor:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received an application for recognition from the Import-Export Control Employees' Association; Bombay; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1959, have become invalid as a result of a decision by the Supreme Court. The question of amendment of these rules is under the consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs. After these rules are amended, the question of recognition of the Association will be taken up. C.C.I.&E. has, however, been advised to deal with the Association without insisting on formal recognition.

#### आकस्मिक अवकाश संबंधी आदेश

4248. श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती :  
क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय ने ऐसे आदेश जारी किये हैं कि यदि कोई कर्मचारी विलम्ब से कार्यालय आता है तो उसका आधे दिन का आकस्मिक अवकाश काट दिया जायेगा;

(ख) क्या उन्हें पता है कि केन्द्रीय सरकारी तथा भर्ख-सरकारी कार्यालयों के हजारों कर्मचारी दिल्ली-पानीपत रेलवे स्टेशन पर स्थित कई नगरों से कार्यालयों में आते हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कई संस्थाओं ने अभ्यावेदन दिये हैं कि कार्यालय समय में परिवर्तन के कारण इस सेक्शन की रेलगाड़ियां दिल्ली/नई दिल्ली स्टेशनों पर कार्यालय के समय से या तो बहुत पहले पहुंच जाती हैं या बहुत देर से पहुंचती हैं और इसके परिणामस्वरूप कर्मचारियों को बहुत असुविधा होती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा करने का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हां, लेकिन यदि अपरिहार्य कारणों से एक महीने में अधिक से अधिक दो बार, एक घंटे तक की, देर हो जाये तो समय प्राधिकारी द्वारा उसे माफ कर दिया जाता है ।

(ख) दफ्तर में काम करने वाले बहुत से कर्मचारी दिल्ली-पानीपत खण्ड के स्टेशनों से दिल्ली आते हैं ।

(ग) गवर्नमेंट एम्प्लायीज एसोसियेशन, नरेला के सेक्रेटरी से एक अभ्यावेदन मिला है, जिसमें कहा गया है कि 2 डी०पी० ग्रीर 4 डी०पी० पानीपत-दिल्ली हटल गाड़ियों के वर्तमान समय बदले जायें या एक और गाड़ी चलाई जाये ।