

the Director of the Indian Standards Institution on the 3rd January, 1969 in New Delhi on "Standardisation and the common man";

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to adopt certain standards about books and papers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the suggestions given by the Director of the Indian Standards Institution?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No.

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

#### Import of Angora Wool

101. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Angora wool has been stopped by Government;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange likely to be saved annually as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to meet the demand of Angora wool by way of expansion of production in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1966-67, an import licence for Rs. 88,000/- was issued for import of Angora Wool. By stopping its import there is likely to be a saving of foreign exchange every year more or less of this magnitude.

(c) and (d). There is at present an Angora Rabbit Breeding Farm at Kulu. The establish-

ment of another Farm has been approved by the Department of Agriculture in January, 1969. Other measures for increasing Angora Wool production in the country are also under consideration. The existing production of Angora Wool in the country is considered adequate to meet the present demand for such wool.

#### Survey of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir Areas

102. SHRI CHINTAMANT PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether arrangement have been made for undertaking magnetometric surveys of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir areas with the assistance of U. S. S. R. for locating base metal deposits ;

(b) Whether any final decision has been taken by Government in this connections ; and

(c) if so, the nature of decisions taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL AND MINES AND METALS (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) to (c). Negotiations for undertaking aeromagnetic survey of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir areas with the assistance of U. S. S. R. are still in progress.

#### Loss Due to Reduction in Export Duties on Tea, Jute, Raw Cotton and Iron ore

103. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total loss suffered by Government as a result of the reduction in the export duties on tea, Jute, raw cotton and iron ore so far ; and

(b) the extent to which export earnings were increased from tea, jute raw cotton and iron ore as a result of reduction in export duties so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Staff benefit Fund in Khurda Division

104. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount available from the staff Benefit Fund for education of children and staff in the Khurda Division of the South Eastern Railway in 1968-69 ;

(b) the number of applicants for the same ;

(c) the number of children and staff benefited from this fund ; and

(d) the reasons why adequate amount is not being made available from this Fund so that a large number of students and staff could be benefited ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the South Eastern Railway and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Idle Capacity in Machine Building Industries

105. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :  
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :  
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH SHASTRI :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the cotton textiles, cement and sugar industries are going to be benefited from scheme of tax relief with a view to encourage the maximum utilisation of Indigenous machinery ;

(b) what is the idle capacity in these machine building industries in the country; and

(c) what is the amount of money that is being spent annually for importing such machinery and spare parts for these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

चाकिया तथा पिपरिया स्टेशनों (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) के बीच फिश प्लेटों का निकाल लिया जाना

\*106. श्री बिभूति मिश्र :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के मुजफ्फरपुर-नरकटियागंज संकेशनों पर चाकिया तथा पिपरा के बीच रेलवे लाइनों से फिशप्लेटों 6 जनवरी, 1969 की निकाल ली गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसके परिणाम-स्वरूप कोई घटना हुई थी; और

(ग) प्रपराधी को पकड़ने तथा उसे दण्ड देने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) भारतीय रेल अधिनियम की धारा 126 के अन्तर्गत सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस, सगौली ने 7.1.1969 को मामला दर्ज किया और उसकी जांच हो रही है ।

#### Statistics of Foreign Trade

107. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :  
SHRI R. K. SINHA :  
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :