

(c) and (e). The number of trains cancelled and loss of goods wagon days on 27-7-70 on the South Eastern Railway and also on South Central Railway which had to hold back trains for South Eastern Railway on account of the Orissa Bundh and loss arising therefrom are indicated below :

No. of Passenger cancelled.	Goods wagon days lost	Loss About Rs. 10 lakhs
28	10,000	

This disruption of train service on South Eastern Railway had its repercussions on the contiguous Railways particularly on South Central Railway by way of termination of certain services short of destination hold-up of goods trains for South Eastern Railway etc. and the consequent loss.

In connection with the strike by loco and other staff of the N. F. Railway which commenced from 23-7-70 and last till 2.8.70, 39 passenger and 49 goods trains were cancelled on the N. F. and N. E. Rlys. on 27-7-70.

(d) Contingents of R. P. F. were deployed to coordinate with police for precautionary measures to safeguard Railway property and ensure safety of passengers. Adequate arrangements including for carering were also made for the passengers of the affected trains.

Export of Scrap

3174. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the position regarding the export of scrap during the year 1969-70 and whether the export of scrap has created any difficulties in the way of meeting the requirements of the industries in India ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) 4,17,201 tonnes of ferrous scrap were exported during 1969-70. Export of only those varieties and quantities of scrap was allowed, which were either not required by indigenous industry or were considered surplus to indigenous requirements.

(b) Does not arise.

Shifting of Creosoting Plant Olavakkot (Kerala) to Mysore

3175. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Creosoting Plant which is now in Olavakkot is going to be shifted to Mysore in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of steel

3176. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state the total production of Steel Ingot and finished Steel during 1969-70 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : The production of ingot steel and saleable steel by main steel producers during the years 1969-70 was 6.3 million tonnes and 4.9 million tonnes respectively.

The production of finished alloy and special steel by the main alloy steel producers in 1969-70 amounted to 0.13 million tonnes.

Construction of Railway Bridge near Cuttack station

3177. SHRI A. DIPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to

state :

(a) whether Government have received a number of representations from the public as also from the State Government of Orissa to construct a Railway bridge near Cuttack station ; and

(b) if so, the action taken on those representations ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal to construct a road overbridge in replacement of Shikarpur level crossing at the north end of Cuttack station is in the preliminary stage of investigation and details are being finalised by the Railway in consultation with the State Government and Cuttack Improvement Trust.

Observance of punctuality in running of trains

3178. SHRI MAIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI DEVINDAR SINGH
GARCHA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of his programme to improve the working of the Railways, he has launched a drive to ensure punctual running of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the results achieved on account of this drive ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) and (b). Will effect from 1-8-1970, a special drive has been launched for improvement in the punctuality of 17 pairs of long distance Mail/Express trains. A daily watch over their running is being maintained in the Railway Board's office, so that detentions are questioned at the highest level immediately as they occur.

(c) The strike on South Eastern and Northeast Frontier Railways have frustrated our efforts in respect of those pairs of trains which run over these railways. Other pairs of trains have shown some improvement but alarm chain pulling continues to stand in our way particularly in respect of Upper India Express, Howrah-Delhi Janata Express and Howrah-Dehradun Express.

Brain drain in Hindustan Machine Tools

3179. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH
GARCHA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Machine Tools, one of the first Public Sector Projects, is faced with the serious problem of brain drain from its Design Wing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many Design Engineers, who have acquired skills at the Hindustan Machine Tools for several year, are leaving the undertaking opting for private sector jobs which carry higher pay and attractive terms for work and other fringe benefits;

(c) whether it is further a fact that the production capacity is going to be affected on account of this; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) (b). Some Design Engineers have left Hindustan Machine Tools to take up jobs in private sector undertakings carrying higher salaries.

(c) The depletion in the design staff