

**Import of Wheel Sets**

1976. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and value of wheel-lathes for which contracts have been placed by the Railways during the last three years;

(b) the break up to between Indian and Foreign supplies in terms of numbers as well as value;

(c) whether in Indian supplied wheel-

lathes imported components are used; if so, the percentage of the total value of such components; and

(d) the steps being taken to avoid out-flow of foreign exchange on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) The total number of wheel lathes purchased by Indian Railways since 1979 is 120. The value of these wheel lathes is Rs. 11,831.67 lakhs. The year-wise figures for the last 3 years are as under:—

| <i>Year</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Value</i><br><i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i> |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1988        | 5          | 599.57                                |
| 1989        | 13         | 1532.12                               |
| 1990        | 20         | 4196.54                               |

(b) Out of 38 Nos. of wheel lathes, 2 Nos. have been purchased from M/s. Hegenscheidt, West Germany and the rest have been ordered on M/s. Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi. The Value of purchase from the foreign supplier is Rs. 264.9 lakhs out of total purchase of Rs. 6328.63 lakhs.

(c) The wheel lathes supplied by Indian manufacturers have some imported components. As per latest order dt. 31.8.90, the percentage of imported components works out to 27.62% as compared to 52.87% in 1989.

(d) The only indigenous manufacturer, viz M/s. Heavy Engineering Corporation who are making these wheel lathes in collabora-

tion with M/s. Hegenscheidt, Germany are constantly making efforts to increase the indigenous content.

**Additional Coaches for Sikkim**

1977. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the State of Sikkim for one coach each in North Eastern Express and Tinsukhia Mail from N.J.P (Siliguri) to New Delhi and vice-versa for that and the adjoining areas; and

(b) if so, the details of action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible on account of operational difficulties and resource constraints.

#### **Performance of Container Corporation of India**

1978. **SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARDHANAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Container Corporation of India is functioning successfully;

(b) if so, the target set for handling containers per annum in terms of quantum of containers handled during last one year by different depots of the Corporation at major ports; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the year 1989-90 a total of 52,405 containers were handled by different depots. The target set for the year 1990-91 is 65,800 containers.

#### **Setting up of a Thermal Plant in Malabar, Kerala**

1979. **SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the location of a Thermal Power Plant proposed to be set up in Malabar, Kerala;

(b) whether the Government have received any report of the team appointed for the purpose; and

(c) when the construction work is proposed to be completed?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE):** (a) to (c). The Eighth Plan to consider incremental generation capacities is yet to be finalised. The team has not suggested location of a thermal power plant in Malabar, Kerala to yield benefits in the Eighth Plan period either in the state or central sector.

#### **Kudachi-Raichur Railway Line (SCR)**

1980. **SHRI S.T. PATIL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted for laying a railway line from Kudachi to Raichur on South Central Railway, long back;

(b) if so, the position of the proposed project as on date; and

(c) when it will be taken up for implementation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS):** (a) No, Sir.

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

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#### **Issue of Debentures for Conversion of Lines in Maharashtra**

1981. **SHRI PUNDLIK HARI DANWAR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh proposal from the