

Railways. The railway concerned will then make efforts to appoint them in suitable posts.

The Eastern Railway have made arrangements for the screening of the employees concerned and this work will commence shortly. At this stage, it is not possible to indicate when the employees concerned will be finally absorbed but every effort will be made to complete the work as soon as possible.

**Extension of Western Railway Lines  
from Baroda to Chhota Udaipur  
upto Indore Madhya Pradesh**

\*1669. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal under the consideration of Government to extend the Western Railway lines from Baroda to Chhota Udaipur upto Indore in Madhya Pradesh so that the vast undeveloped areas of Chhota Udaipur and of Madhya Pradesh be developed in the industrial and agricultural sphere ;

(b) whether a survey in this regard was undertaken earlier ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not extending this line so far and when it is likely to be done ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no traffic justification, nor are the funds available for the purpose.

**Survey for Industrial Potential in India**

\*1670. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether areas of industrial potential in the country have been identified through a thorough scientific survey ;

(b) if so, which are those areas ; and

(c) if not, whether a survey on lines referred to in part (a) above will be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) to (c). Surveying the industrial potential of the country is a continuing process. It has been done in large measure by various authorities from time to time in different parts of the country and will continue to be done in increasing depth and sophistication. However, no single agency has been entrusted with the specific task of undertaking a scientific survey of the industrial potential of the entire country. The Central and State Governments and various agencies under their control have from time to time got techno-economic and other industrial surveys carried out in various parts of the country. For instance, State Industrial Development Corporations, DCSSI, N.I.D.C., N.C.A.E.R. etc. have undertaken area surveys pertaining to particular projects. The Industrial Development Bank of India has, in association with other public financing institutions, recently undertaken surveys of the industrial potential of different backward regions of the country. This study covers the infrastructure, facilities available, supply of raw materials and market prospects. Survey reports have already been submitted in respect of Assam, Bihar, J and K and Tripura. This process is continuing.

**डीजल इंजनों की मांग और उत्पादन**

\* 1671. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में इस समय डीजल इंजनों की वार्षिक मांग और उत्पादन कितना है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया) : चौथी योजना (1969-70 से 1973-74) के दौरान भारतीय रेलों के लिए डीजल रेलइंजनों की कुल मांग इस प्रकार है :—

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