

जबलपुर-बेतूल सड़क

* 648. श्री सुभाष ब्राह्मण : क्या नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार जबलपुर-बेतूल सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) इसे कब तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित कर दिया जायेगा ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Man with Information about C.I.A. Links

*652. DR. BAPU KALDATY:
SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a person named Rajiv Sharma had delivered a tape containing talks between some Minister and the American C.I.A. Agents recently;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the facts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):
(a) No, Sir.

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

, HMT Unit at Ooty

*653. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the policy followed by Hindustan Machine Tools in expanding and diversifying its activities;

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up a factory at Ooty in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the investment proposed and the nature of the manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The policy followed by Hindustan Machine Tools in their expansion and diversification programmes of activities is determined by the present and future demand requirements in the country for HMT's manufactured products, comprising a variety of machine tools, watches, tractors, printing machinery, lamp making machines, lamps and lamp components.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A watch assembly unit is proposed to be set up at Ooty. This will be owned by the State Government. HMT will assist in the setting up of this unit and will supply watch components for assembly purposes. HMT will also provide training inspection, quality control and testing facilities. The watches assembled by the unit will be marketed by HMT and sold under HMT's brand name. The order of investment is estimated at Rs. 25 lakhs.

Refractory Producing Units of Burn Standard Co. in West Bengal

*654. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the condition of refractory producing units of Burn Standard Co. in West Bengal;

(b) whether there is any improvement in the management, operation and production of the refractory producing units of Burn Standard Co.; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to improve them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Although these units are still running at a loss, the condition of these