

श्री राजशेखर वाघव :

श्री नयू लिफवे :

क्या रेलवे मंत्रा यह बताने का कृपा करे कि

(क) कलकता-दिल्ली लाइन के विद्युतीकरण के काम में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है और यह काम कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा;

(ख) क्या विद्युतीकरण का कार्य किन्हीं अन्य रेलवे लाइनों पर भी चल रहा है और यदि हा, तो उन रेलवे लाइनों के नाम क्या हैं, और

(ग) क्या ऐसे सब कार्यों की एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट सभा-पटल पर रखी जायेगी?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे. जे. पुनश्वा) :

(क) से (ग). एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या एन० टी०— 856/67]

Food Loan to India by Member Countries of GATT

*850 Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed food loan by member-countries of GATT has been finalised; and

(b) whether India can buy food under this arrangement in anticipation of the formal agreement to be finalised by "The Kennedy Round" team?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The negotiations for an international arrangement on grains and including in it a element of food aid to developing countries in need of such aid have yet to be finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

Imports from U.S.A.

*851. Shri K. Ramani:
Shri P. Gopalan:
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government recently protested against India making commercial purchases in countries other than America;

(b) if so, the basis on which the protest was made; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

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

Slump in Steel Market

*852. Shri Onkar Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Borwa:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Steel Limited will show a loss of 15 crores in 1966-67 as a result of slump in the market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to revitalise the financial position of the losing Steel Plants in the Public Sector?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) The accounts of HSL for the year 1966-67 have yet to be closed and audited.

(b) A six-point integrated programme is in hand to revitalise the working of the steel plants in the public sector. This involves:

- (1) Management structure,
- (2) Management controls,
- (3) Technological improvements,
- (4) Costs reduction,
- (5) Incentives, and
- (6) Market and sales.