

Allocation of Raw Materials

*148. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of **Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints have been received from the various industrialists regarding the determination of principles, priorities and procedures for the allocation of raw materials; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning (Shri Raghu Ramaiah): (a) and (b). No Sir. There have been a few representations for enhanced allocations in individual cases which are dealt with on merits.

Catering on Railways

*149. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in the press, he recently said at the Indian Railway Caterers' Convention in Bombay, that "I cannot trust Railway Catering" and that food catered to the travelling public on the Railways was unclean and unwholesome;

(b) whether his observations applied to the departmental as well as to the private catering on the Railways; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide clean and healthy food to the Railway travellers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The press report is not correct.

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

Visit of Railway Minister to U.S.A.

*150. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Basappa:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited U.S.A. recently to finalize a loan with the World Bank promised by it to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the Railways during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held by him with the World Bank authorities?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) and (b). During the Railway Minister's visit to U.S.A. he did meet the World Bank officials and discussed the prospects of loans for Railway requirements. As already known, a loan equivalent of U.S. Dollars 68 million has been sanctioned by the International Development Association, an affiliate of the World Bank.

Train Service between Gadra Road and Munabao

622. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
Shri Braj Bihari Mehrotra:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regular train services between Gadra Road and Munabao Stations, Northern Railway, had been suspended due to Indo-Pak. conflict during September last;

(b) whether the train services between the two stations on the said railway have since been restored; and

(c) if so, the details of the resumed services?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A pair of mixed trains which used to run between Gadra Road and Munabao prior to 6-9-65, has since been restored with effect from 28-5-1966.