

Technicians in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works brought under the Colombo Plan. These technicians assist in demonstrating the working of certain modern machines and fixing timings. They are not in charge of any office nor hold any executive function.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know for how long these consultants will remain in India?

Shri Alagesan: I do not have any idea of the time uptill which they will remain here.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The hon. Minister said that these experts assist in fixing timings. Are they making a time and motion study regarding job analysis?

Shri Alagesan: I can give the jobs that these experts are doing. One is doing the work of foundry rate fixer, another is a rate fixer of smithy and forge shops, another, a rate fixer of boiler shops, then there is a demonstrator, heavy machine shops, then a demonstrator, light machine shops and so on.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*1510. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the confirmations of the Accounts Staff on the Northern Railway in certain categories are being held up for some considerable time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how long it will take to issue confirmation orders in their case?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delay in the confirmation of certain categories of Accounts Staff is due to the revision of the provisional seniority lists of such staff already prepared, to implement certain principles recently formulated for determining seniority of ex-Railway Clearing Accounts Staff.

(c) Every endeavour is being made to complete this work as early as possible.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जिन एम्प्लोयीज के सम्बन्ध में यह प्रश्न है उनकी नियुक्ति कब हुई थी ?

Mr. Speaker: When were they appointed?

Shri Alagesan: Date of their appointment?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, in respect of those categories.

Shri Alagesan: I do not have the dates of employment.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is mentioned in part (a) of the question that confirmation in certain categories is being held up for some considerable time. Can the hon. Deputy Minister state what is meant by this 'considerable time'?

Shri Alagesan: What was meant was this, that the Railway Administrations after regrouping have been asked to compile seniority lists. There has been some delay. That is almost over and it would be possible to fix it quickly.

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*१५११. **श्री एम० एन० सिंह :** क्या रंलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रंलवे बोर्ड में काम करने वाले तीसरी श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की पदोन्नति सम्बन्धी नीति, नियम और रीति अन्य मंत्रालयों में उसी श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों पर लागू होने वाले नियमों आदि से भिन्न हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस प्रकार की भिन्नता है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

श्री एम० एम० सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कब तक यह इन्कारमेंशन मिलने की उम्मीद है ?

Mr. Speaker: How long will it take to place the information on the Table of the House?

Shri Alagesan: We have asked the Home Ministry for it. As soon as it is received, I shall be able to place it on the Table of the House.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether pending collection of this information promotions of others are kept in abeyance?

Shri Alagesan: This question is whether the rules and methods regarding the promotion of class III employees working in the Railway Board are different from those in other Ministries. Now, we are collecting the information from the Home Ministry and then I will be able to supply it to the House.

Shri Jangde: Is it a fact that regarding promotion to Assistants, 50 per cent. of the posts were filled by the Union Public Service Commission and that has been stopped and may I know whether the Government is going to retain that reservation through the Union Public Service Commission again?

Shri Alagesan: I am not able to answer that question whether we will go to the Union Public Service Commission. Now, promotions are made on the basis of the results of an examination and there are various rules for the promotion of these people.

WOMEN STUDENTS TO JAPAN

*1512. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of women students have recently been sent to Tokyo;

(b) who are the sponsors of this delegation; and

(c) whether Government is concerned in any way with the Delegation.

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). Government of India have not sent a delegation of women students to Tokyo but they have sent, in co-operation with the State Governments, a party of Chief Instructors of Home Economics to Hawaii and Japan for eight weeks' training.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know if the Foreign Operations Administration has anything to do with the sending of this delegation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, this is in combination with the T.C.M. and the Ford Foundation; they have assisted us.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May we know, in view of the various disclosures that have been made that many of the activities of the Ford Foundation and other cultural aids coming from U.S. have a political slant, whether Government made quite sure about the antecedents and activities of the particular delegation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are in a position to contradict the insinuations contained in the statement and I have not seen anybody making such an allegation; nor is there, to our knowledge, any truth in the statement.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know what is the specific aim of this delegation and for what purpose and will the students who go there come back and be taken over for work in the various Universities here?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, as the House knows and the hon. Member knows, we have certain training centres in the country and these instructors are to come back and open Home Economics Wings in those training centres.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.