(घ) इन सिफारिशों को राज्य सरकारों तथा ग्रन्य संबंधित संगठनों को कार्यान्विति के लिये भेजा जा रहा है ।'

Supervision of new signal Cabins by Porters

2355. Shri Berwa:—Kotah: Will the Miinster of of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the porters have been entrusted with the supervison of new signal cabins which are being constructed on Railways;

(b) whether this arrangement has resulted in larger number of train collisions; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter by Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Information has been called for from the Railways and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Freight on Empty Tins

2356. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Railway have by a recent circular decided to charge freight on all empty tins weighing less than 4 kgms at the rate prescribed for 4 kgm tins;

(b) whether a strong protest has been received from Empty Tin Merchants Associations against the arbitrary imposition of higher rates for empty tins weighing less than 4 kgms;

(c) whether any such Associations have decided to go on a token strike against this decision of the Railways; and

(d) whether any similar decisions have been announced by other Railways in India?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy);

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Yes.

Sub-Letting of Canteens on S.E. Railway

2357. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licencees of Railway Canteens in South Eastern Railway are taking resort to sub-letting their leases and this practice has deteriorated the sanitary and service efficiency of the Canteens; and

(b) the steps taken to remove this defect?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). One complaint of subletting was received by the South Eastern Railway during the half-year ended June 1962. This complaint was investigated, but was not substantiated.

Subletting of contracts is prohibited and in the event of subletting being substantiated, the contracts are liable to be summarily terminated.

Air India

{ Shri P. R. Patel: 2358. { Shri D. J. Naik; { Shri P. C. Borooah;

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the extent of decline in the number of outgoing and