

- (iv) Utilisation of irrigation potential.

The position was generally satisfactory in regard to utilisation of irrigation potential in the region except in Mysore. The need for provision of requisite funds, enactment and enforcement of proper legislation and pinpointing the responsibility for the various phases involved in using irrigation potential was emphasised.

- (v) Electricity rates for agriculture.

It was noted that the electricity rates for agriculture in the States in the region were generally quite reasonable.

Hindi Training

1030. { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff (Clerks, typists, Hindi Inspectors, Peons, separately) working in the Hindi Training Section on Eastern Railway;

(b) the strength of such staff employed on other railways; and

(c) the nature of duties allotted to the Hindi Supervisors by the Railway Board?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The strength of staff in the Hindi Training Section at the Headquarters office of the Eastern Railway is as follows:—

Category	No. of staff
Hindi Supervisor	2
Hindi Teacher	8
Peon	1
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TOTAL	11
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(b) The strength of such staff on other Railways is indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2489/64].

(c) The duties allotted to the Hindi Supervisors by the Railway Board are as follows:—

(1) Organisation and supervision of Hindi classes and conducting Hindi examinations on the Railway.

(2) Hindi Supervisors are also required to check up:—

(i) whether Hindi letters received in Railway offices are being replied to in Hindi;

(ii) whether circular letters relating to staff matters are being issued in Hindi also;

(iii) whether scripts used on sign-boards and notices displayed at Railway premises and in carriages are in accordance with the existing orders;

(iv) whether Hindi sign-boards and notices displayed in Railway premises and in carriages are in accordance with the standardised Hindi equivalents; and

(v) whether Hindi is being used in noting on files in selected sections in Railway offices located in Hindi-speaking areas where bulk of staff has a working knowledge of Hindi.

Merchant Fleet

1031. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing a 10 year "Earn and Repay" plan to build up our merchant fleet; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?