

(c) if so, the circumstances under which the seniority of the staff referred to in part (a) above was altered?

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

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Groundnuts and Groundnut oil

1771. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow forward trading in groundnuts and groundnut oil; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To facilitate orderly marketing of the new season groundnut crop which is expected to be large and to help stabilise prices particularly for the former by providing hedging facilities.

Fans in upper classes of steamers

1772. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make adequate arrangement for providing fans in the upper classes of the steamer running between Mahendru Ghat and Paleza ghat (N.E. Railway); and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). Provision of fans already exists in the upper classes of the steamers running between Paleza ghat and Mahendru Ghat and electric fans have been provided in the enclosed saloons in the upper deck. In the fore and aft decks no fans are provided as they are open on the sides

and there is normally sufficient breeze without fans.

Cement factories in Madras

1773. { Shri M. P. Swamy:
Shri Paramasivan:
Dr. P. Srinivasan:
Shri Reddiar:
Shri M. Malaichami:
Shri M. G. Thengondar:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Public Sector Cement Factories at Valliyur and Rajapalayam in Madras State;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this matter.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) The Government of Madras is setting up a cement factory, with an annual capacity of 400,000 tonnes, near Rajapalayam. There is no proposal to set up a factory at Valliyur.

(b) A letter of intent approving the scheme was issued on the 18th June, 1964. The raw material survey has been completed. Land required for the factory and mining purposes is being acquired. Notices inviting tenders for the supply and erection of plant and machinery have been published. The Madras Industrial Development Corporation to be set up shortly by the State Government will take over the project.

Wages of Licensed Porters

1774. { Shri Balgovind Verma:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the wages of licensed porters on various Railways were fixed up;