

Unstarred Question No. 1581 on the 18th December, 1964 regarding shortage of Government cash in the Outward Parcel Office, Delhi Station and state:

(a) whether the disciplinary proceedings against the official concerned have been completed; and

(b) if so, what punishment has been given to him?

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

(b) He has been awarded the punishment of withholding of increments for two years affecting his future increments also.

Trade Agency in German Democratic Republic

2140. { **Dr. Ranen Sen:**
 { **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the State Trading Corporation of India has suggested to Government to set up an official Indian Trade Agency in German Democratic Republic; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Senior Scale Officers in Railway Board

2141. **Shri R. N. Reddi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior scale officers in the Railway Board who have been retained for more than five years;

(b) if so, the reasons for retaining them; and

(c) the number of senior Administrative Scale Officers re-appointed by

the Railway Board after reaching the superannuation age?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Out of 50 senior scale officers drafted from the Railways to the Railway Board, five have completed more than 5 years in the Railway Board.

(b) The officers have been retained in the public interest.

(c) One in Railway Board's office and six in other offices, such as Railway Service Commissions etc.

Tea Gardens in Jammu and Kashmir

2142. { **Shri Gopal Datt Mengi:**
 { **Shri Samrani:**
 { **Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were a few tea gardens in Jammu region which were producing good quality tea;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of these gardens have perished for want of proper attention and lack of finances; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to rehabilitate these gardens?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). There is very little tea cultivation in the Jammu and Kashmir State. The few tea bushes that exist were understood to have been planted over 100 years ago. The State Government undertook a preliminary survey in 1962 for exploring the possibilities of growing tea in the Udhampur District of Jammu Province. The survey report however is not encouraging for the development of the tea industry in the region.