

ing the period 1-4-1964 to 31-12-1964, is as under:—

	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Class III	171	36
Class IV	829	533
(b) Yes.		
(c)		

	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Class III	247	215
Class IV	910	792

(d) to (f). There was shortfall as indicated above. In Class III it is mainly in technical categories and is due to paucity of Sch. Castes and Sch. Tribes candidates with requisite technical qualifications.

In Class IV the shortfall is mainly of Scheduled Tribes and is attributable to their general reluctance to serve in unfamiliar surroundings away from their tribal territory.

To make good the shortfall in Class III the General Manager has been vested with special powers to recruit Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates without reference to Railway Service Commissions.

As regards the shortfall in Class IV, the General Manager has been authorised to recruit Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates direct in relaxation of the normal procedure of recruitment through Selection Boards. He is further authorised to delegate this power to the Divisional Superintendents, etc.

With a view to finding candidates of these castes and tribes, besides advertisements in local papers, the Employment Exchanges and the Associations of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the areas con-

cerned are also contacted. In addition, Personnel Officers of the Railways also visit the areas where there is a concentration of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Export of Peacock Feathers

1119. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of peacock feathers from India during 1963 and 1964;

(b) the names of foreign countries where there is a great demand of peacock feathers; and

(c) the total foreign exchange earned during the above period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhal Shah): (a) to (c). Peacock feathers are in demand in West Germany, U.S.A. Japan and Netherlands. A total quantity of 2 million pieces was licensed for export during October, 1963—September, 1964 against 2.5 million pieces in the corresponding period in 1962-63. Statistics of export of peacock feathers and the foreign exchange earned therefrom are, however, not available as the same are not maintained separately.

Industrial Estates

1120. Shri Jashvant Mehta: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial estates sanctioned during 1964-65 in different States; and

(b) whether Government propose to sponsor only co-operative industrial estates in future?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) 50 Industrial Estates have been technically approved by the Central Government