

(b) The request for extending the pension scheme to cover Railway employees who retired prior to 1-4-1957 has been considered by the Government thoroughly on more than one occasion, and the Government have come to the conclusion that the request cannot be agreed to. Representations on this subject from retired employees or on their behalf have been replied to accordingly.

Railway Workshop, Gorakhpur

1618. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees at present working in the Railway Workshop at Gorakhpur;

(b) the number of old employees promoted;

(c) the number of trade and other apprentices recruited during the last five years (year-wise); and

(d) the amount being spent annually on the training of Trade Apprentices during the above period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) 8439.

(b) 1326.

(c) Trade Apprentices—Nil.

Other Apprentices—1960	21
	1961 24
	1962 30
	1963 34
	1964 Nil

(d) Does not arise.

N.E. Railway Hospital, Gorakhpur

1619. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the North-Eastern Railway Hospital at Gorakhpur only four chapatias are given to a patient;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a patient cannot satisfy his hunger with such less number of chapatias; and

(c) if so, whether the number of chapatias would be increased or the existing diet schedule revised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No. Six chapatias or three chapatias with rice for lunch as well as for dinner and 2 slices of bread with $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of butter with tea as breakfast in the morning are given to a patient. The total quantity of cereals per adult patient per day is approximately 435 gms.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Irregular Promotions on N.E. Railway

1620. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of irregular promotions in the case of employees other than Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters on the North Eastern Railway have come to his notice;

(b) whether it is a fact that such complaints are on the increase on the North Eastern Railway; and

(c) if so, whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Iron Ore near Gwalior

1621. **Shri Parashar:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any difficulties in getting the belt of land with a width of 50 miles and ranging between Gwalior and Guna towns in Madhya Pradesh for exploring the possibility of finding iron ore; and

(b) whether any survey has been made, and if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. The iron ore occurs in thin bands and is of such a nature that exploitation on a large scale may not be an economic proposition.

Derailment of Goods Train on S. Railway

1622. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 610 on the 27th November, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the report on the enquiry into the derailment of a goods train between Banasandra and Sampige Road on the Bangalore-Arsikera Section of the Southern Railway on the 28th July, 1964 has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) Yes.

(b) According to the findings of the Enquiry Committee the derailment was due to defective springs on a goods wagon. Suitable action has been taken against the staff held responsible for passing the defective wagon.

Specialized Steel

1623. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) the existing requirements of specialized steel in the country;

(b) the quantities met from indigenous production and from the imports; and

(c) whether any scheme is under consideration to attain self-sufficiency in this direction?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The demand for alloy and special steels in 1965-66 as estimated by the National Council of Applied Economic Research is 481,600 tonnes which includes electrical sheets amounting to approximately 101,000 tonnes.

(b) Current indigenous production is about 53,000 tonnes of which about 24,000 tonnes is electrical sheets. Imports during 1963-64 were 60,529 tonnes.

(c) A Capacity of about 600,000 tonnes, including electrical sheets, has been licensed for the manufacture of alloy and special steels in the public and private sector and a number of schemes are under implementation.

मुगलसराय में डिबीजनल हेडक्वार्टर

1624. श्री प्र० प्र० शर्मा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार पूर्व रेलवे का डिबीजनल हेडक्वार्टर मुगलसराय में स्थापित करने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

रेलवे मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Cement Requirement of Orissa

**1625. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:**

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

(a) the present requirement of Orissa for cement; and

(b) the quantity of cement actually allotted to Orissa during 1964-65?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri