

समस्तीपुर से नरकटियागंज के बीच बड़ी लाइन

4888. श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री क० ना० तिवारी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री 25 नवम्बर, 1966 के अंतराकित प्रश्न संख्या 2606 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या समस्तीपुर से मुजफ्फरपुर होती हुई नरकटियागंज तक बड़ी रेलवे लाइन बिछाने की योजना की अंतिम रूप दिया जा चुका है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो ज० रेलवे लाइन कब बिछा दी जायेगी ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनावा)

(क) और (ख). जाच से पता चला है कि बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तन करने का निती। शीघ्रित्व नहीं है। इसलिए इन प्रस्ताव पर अभी धागे कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है।

रेलवे दुर्घटनाएँ

4889. श्री लोकार सिंह :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाम :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री 31 मार्च, 1967 के अंतराकित प्रश्न संख्या 273 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) गत पाच वर्षों में हुई 32 मृत्यु दुर्घटनाओं, जिनके बारे में यह सन्देह किया गया था कि वे तोड़-फोड़ की कार्यवाहियों के कारण हुई थी, के जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों का दुर्घटना करने का उद्देश्य क्या था,

(ख) क्या विवेकी अधिकरणों तथा राजनैतिक संस्थाओं को भी इन दुर्घटनाओं के विषये जिम्मेदार समझा गया था; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्याख्या क्या है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनावा) :

(क) 32 मामलों में से एक मामले में मंशा की धारियों के सम्बन्ध में दुर्घटना। बिछकी नौकरियों की तोड़-फोड़ की कार्रवाहियों के

फलस्वरूप 8 मामलों हुए। दो मामलों में लीकरी से हटाये गये दो रेलवे गैंगमैन और एक में एक सेवारत लीकरी का हाथ था। तोड़-फोड़ की एक कारवाह धारियाधियों द्वारा की गयी और दो कारवाहों नाबाधियों लक्षों द्वारा बन्धों की सरारत के रूप में की गयी। 12 मामलों में मंशा का पता नहीं चल पाया और 5 मामलों में पुलिस ने 'तथ्य की धूल' के रूप में अंतिम रिपोर्टें देकर छानबीन का काम बन्द कर दिया है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) सवाल नहीं उठता।

Export of Tea

4890. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:

Shri S. S. Kothari:

Dr. Ranen Sen:

Shri Nanja Gowder.

Shri P. N. Solanki:

Shri K. K. Nayyar:

Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan

Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah.

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state

(a) whether the tea industry has greatly suffered in its exports since the devaluation of the Indian rupee.

(b) the total decrease in the export of tea since the devaluation and the reasons therefor, and

(c) the action being taken for the promotion of tea exports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). No. 511 Exports of tea during 1966-67 fell short of the exports during 1965-66 by 5.3 m kgs. The short fall was due to cumulative effect of various factors, the more important of which were:—

(i) the somewhat unsettled conditions that prevailed in the tea market following devaluation;

(ii) reduced off-take of tea by the USSR and the UAR;

(iii) the relatively higher incidence of the export duty imposed at

a flat rate of Rs. 2 per kilogram immediately following devaluation on medium and low priced teas;

(iv) strikes and go-slow tactics by workers in the tea gardens, transport services and the Calcutta docks which upset arrivals of tea to Calcutta and despatches for exports; and

(v) the rising pressure of internal consumption. In order to stimulate exports, the following steps have been or are being taken.

(i) The levy of export duty at a flat rate was replaced by a levy based on slab-cum-value basis in November, 1966. This gave considerable relief to exports of medium and low priced teas;

(ii) In the Budget proposals for 1967-68, a rebate of 24 paise per kilogram has been allowed on the export duty payable under the new *ad-valorem* rates of export duty proposed. This will not only afford considerable further relief in export duty on teas exported but also simplify considerably the assessment and levy of the duty;

(iii) The promotional activities of the Tea Board in foreign countries both by way of participation in joint campaigns to promote consumption of tea as a beverage and of un-national efforts to promote the image of Indian tea abroad are being continued and intensified vigorously. Joint promotional campaigns have been organised in the U.K., U.S.A., Canada, West Germany, France and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. The measures taken to promote the image of Indian tea abroad include intensive consumer sampling through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations and displays in departmental stores, prominent hotels and important social gatherings, advertising through the press and radio, promoting introduction of Indian packs of tea by the leading blenders and packers maintaining adequate public relations etc., the techniques varying in emphasis and operation from country to country.

2. Recognising the need for increasing the production base as a long-term measure to achieve substantial increase in exports, Government have extended various concessions to the tea plantation industry like development allowance for new planting and replanting, supply of tea machinery on hire-purchase basis, and promoting the formation of cooperatives amongst the small growers.

#### Non-availability of wagons in M.P.

4891. **Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal Industry in Madhya Pradesh is passing through a serious crisis due to the accumulation of huge stocks on account of non-availability of wagons; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Export Promotion Councils

4892. **Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to review the working of the Export Promotion Councils has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the suggestions made therein; and

(c) the steps taken to implement them?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir. The Report of the Committee to review the Working of Export Promotion Councils was laid on the Table of the House on 1st September 1965.

(b) Recommendations have been made in the Report regarding organisational set up and promotional activi-