

sortium of firms named ASCON. This is presently being examined by the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals.

Directorate General of Technical Development

9025. **Shri M. L. Sondhi:** Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abolished the post of Junior Technical Officers in the Directorate General of Technical Development as recommended by the Mathur Committee;

(b) whether it is a fact that J.T.Os., having 5 years' experience in the department have been promoted to the post of A.D.O. (Engg.) in the past; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to promote the existing J.T.Os., with 5 years' experience to the post of A.D.O. (Engg.) in view of the fact that when the post of D.D.O. was abolished in the past all D.D.Os., were promoted as D.Os. in the same department?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Not yet. The Study Team recommended that the grade of Junior Technical Officer with the exception of those working in the Plywood Inspectorate is not necessary and may be abolished and that the existing Junior Technical Officers, when they waste out, should be replaced by Assistant Development Officers or Upper Division Clerks. Government have accepted this recommendation subject to there being no increase in expenditure in consequence of the replacement of J.T.Os. by A.D.Os. or U.D.Cs. and the observance of the procedural requirements in case there is any ban on upgrading of the post at the time when this decision has to be implemented.

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(b) Yes. Promotions to the post of A.D.O., (Engg.) in the past have been made in accordance with the provisions of the recruitment rules.

(c) Promotions of existing Junior Technical Officers with five years' experience to the post of A.D.O. (Engg.) will continue to be made in accordance with the recruitment rules. There is, however, no intention to upgrade all the posts of Junior Technical Officers to post of A.D.O.

The case of D.D.O., is not analogous to the case of Junior Technical Officers because the erstwhile grades of D.D.O. and D.O., were merged into a single consolidated grade of D.O.

जहानाबाद स्टेशन में प्रतीक्षालय

9026. **श्री चन्द्र शंकर सिंह :**

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पटना-गया लाइन पर जहानाबाद रेलवे स्टेशन में प्रथम तथा द्वितीय श्रेणियों के प्रतीक्षालय ग्रब प्रयोग करने लायक नहीं रह गये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उनका नवीकरण करने का सरकार का विचार है और यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री बे० सु० पुनाचा) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Indian Jute Industries Research Association

9027. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new organisation called the Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA) has recently been set up;