

Allowance to Foreman in Railway Loco Sheds

5717. **Shri Madhu Limaye :**

Shri Rabi Ray :

Shri J. H. Patel :

Shri A. N. Mulla :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Superintending Allowance of Rs. 50 p.m. and Rs. 75 p.m. is being paid to the Foreman and Assistant Foreman respectively in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and Integral Coach Factory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this allowance is being denied to the Foreman in the Railway Loco Sheds, Workshops, etc; and

(c) if so, the difference in the nature of their duties and responsibilities which necessitates this discrimination?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c). The highest scale applicable to Foremen on Railways is Rs. 450—25—575. The Jagannadha Das Pay Commission specifically recommended that the maximum of the scale of Foreman in Production Workshops should be raised from Rs. 575 to Rs. 650 with an efficiency bar at Rs. 573. Instead of increasing the maximum of the scale, it was decided that a Special Pay of Rs. 150 p.m. should be granted to the Foreman in the scale of Rs. 450-575 in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and Integral Coach Factory. Other Foremen or Assistant Foremen in these Organisations are not eligible for any special pay. Also the Foremen in other Railway Workshops which are not Production Units but mainly repair units are not eligible for this special pay.

Stainless Steel

5718. **Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary :** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of stainless steel produced in the country and whether it meets the country's requirements;

(b) if not, whether Government contemplate to begin its production in the

country in the near future to meet the national requirement; and

(c) if so, when?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) to (c). At present some small quantities of stainless steel are being produced at Alloy Steels Project, Durgapur. This is not adequate to meet the needs of the country. With the full commissioning of the project towards the end of the financial year, stainless steel production capacity will be 18,000 tonnes per year. This will further increase after the expansion of the project in the Fourth Plan. Some parties in the private sector have also been licensed and it is expected that in the course of the next few years the country's demand should be substantially met.

Unions on Central Railway

5719. **Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various recognised and unrecognised unions operating on the Central Railway, Division-wise; and

(b) their headquarters?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Unions on Railways are not given recognition on Divisional basis but for the Railway as a whole.

The Unions which have been recognised by the Central Railway and their Headquarters are:

- (i) Central Railway Mazdoor Sangh, Bombay.
- (ii) National Railway Mazdoor Union, Bombay.

Government have no detailed information about the various unrecognised unions functioning on the Central Railway. However, the following are some of the unrecognised unions: their Headquarters have been shown against them:

- (i) Madhya Railway Karamchari Sangh, Bombay.