

recognised that it would be of advantage if persons who come from areas near about the place of location of the project secure appointment to posts in lower scales.

(b) 16426.

(c) to (f). District-wise figures are not maintained and it is not considered necessary to do so. According to existing policy of the Government, recruitment to posts other than those of class III and class IV or equivalent grades is made through all India advertisement and no State-wise statistics are maintained.

The total number of class III and class IV posts is 13823, out of which 10742 are held by persons from Bihar.

Railway Gazetted Staff

2755. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. N. Solanki:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Onkar Singh:
Shri K. Haldar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Gazetted staff have asked for parity with other All-India Services in respect of pay; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken on their demand?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The representation from the Railway Gazetted Officers is for the revision of their scales of pay in line with the revision made in other Departments of the Government.

(b) It is already under scrutiny of the Government.

Export of Mild Steel

2756. Shri S. K. Tapuriah: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of mild steel have decreased and are coming to a standstill;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the export of this item?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Attack on Railway Booking Office, Ranaghat

2757. Shri S. K. Tanuriah:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Onkar Singh:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge crowd attacked the Railway booking office, looted and damaged railway property at