

attend various meetings in connection with Tea Trade in his capacity as Chairman of the Tea Board.

The Chairman's visits to Delhi and other places were undertaken in the performance of his official duties. Such visits facilitate expeditious consideration and action on various important matters connected with the Tea Industry.

Ticketless Travel

3513. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri K. Haldar:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:
Shri Bhagaban Das:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of ticketless travel during the last five years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to recruit sufficient number of checking staff;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special incentive will be given to checking staff; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The comparative figures of ticketless passengers detected during the last five years are as follow:

1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
80,63,743	90,06,051	63,84,525
1965-66	1966-67	
65,46,482	68,61,113.	

(b) and (c). Ticket checking staff on Railways is adequate and there is no proposal to recruit additional staff.

*The figures of ticketless travellers include only those cases where the passengers are charged higher penalty. The Northern and North Eastern Railways, who were previously including lower penalty and other cases also have, since the year 1964-65, excluded such cases.

(d) and (e). Cash awards and commendation certificates are already being awarded to ticket checking staff doing meritorious work.

Small Scale Industries in M.P.

3514. Shri G. S. Mishra: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the decontrol of steel and cement, the essential raw materials in the form of steel, cement and tin is not easily available to small scale industries;

(b) how many industries are threatened with closure due to difficulty in procurement of raw materials to run the industries; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the position?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारतीय इस्पात की स्थिति

3515. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या इस्पात, जल तथा धातु मन्त्री 26 मई, 1967 के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रश्न संख्या 691 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में अन्य उन्नत देशों के बराबर दरपर इस्पात बेचने के कारण बाटा उठाना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात, जल तथा धातु मन्त्रालय में प्रश्न संख्या (सी प्र० सं० सेटी) : (क)

सरकार स्वयं के निर्यात के लिये विरतीय सहायता देती है।

(ख) निर्यातकों को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धी-मूल्य के माध्यम पर जो नौतल-पर्यन्त निष्कूलक मूल्य प्राप्त होते हैं वे देशीय मूल्यों से कम हैं।

Tea Gardens in Assam

3516. Shri B. N. Shastri: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Corporation for running the un-economic tea gardens in Assam which are closed or are going to be closed shortly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Lands

3517. Shri B. N. Shastri:
Shri Suraj Bhan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total acres of arable land under the Indian Railways;

(b) the percentage of that land leased out for cultivation in terms of acreage;

(c) the amount the Railway Authorities received as revenue or rent from the lessees during the year 1965-66; and

(d) whether Railways propose to organise a farming squad to grow food on the land thus available?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Approximately 60,000 acres.

(b) Approximately 60,000 acres, which works out to 67 per cent.

(c) Rs. 4.67 lakhs.

(d) No. However, the Zonal Railways have been asked to permit the owners of adjoining fields, in the case of land between stations and the railway employees in the case of land within station limits, to cultivate the surplus Railway land, free of charge upto June 1968.

B.G. Line from Siliguri to Jogighopa

3518. Shri B. N. Shastri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Broad Gauge line from Siliguri to Jogighopa on the North-East Frontier Railway has been completed;

(b) if so, when the line will be thrown open for running passenger trains; and

(c) whether it is proposed to ply a Railway ferry from Jogighopa to Pancaratna over the Brahmaputra?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). The Siliguri-Jogighopa new B.G. line has already been completed and opened for passenger traffic from 1st January, 1968.

(c) There is no such proposal.

दिल्ली जंक्शन पर धोड़गढ़

3519. श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री :
श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री :
श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री :
श्री रामजीबाल शास्त्री :
श्री रामबल्लभ शास्त्री :
श्री कर्तुन सिंह भदौरिबा :
डा० हर्ष प्रताप पुरी :

क्या देखके भंडी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली जंक्शन पर दिन में लगभग दो बार इस बात की घोषणा की जाती है कि उस दिन जन्म