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सामान्यतया प्राप्त हुए पत्नों का निवटारा सात दिन से लेकर इतने समय में कर दिया जाता है जितने में अन्तिम उत्तर भेजने के लिये पूरी सूचना इकट्ठी हो सके।

इस आशय की हिदायतें पहले से दी जा चुकी हैं कि संसद्-सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्नों पर अग्रता के आधार पर उत्तर दिया जाना चाहिए और इन हिदायतों पर अमल किया बाता है। फिर भी, जिन पत्नों में उठायी गयी बातों में ब्यौरे-वार जांच अपेक्षित होती है, जिनमें दूरस्थ स्टेशनों से आंकड़े इकट्ठा करना शामिल है, उनमें अधिक समय लगता है। फिर भी, यह सुनिश्चित किया जाता है कि संसद् सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्नों के उत्तर भेजने में कोई परिहायं । वलम्ब नहीं होता है।

जहां तक इस सम्बन्ध में प्रधान मंत्री के आदेशों का सम्बन्ध है, संभवतया माननीय सदस्य का आशय 18-12-1968 को लोक सभा में प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा दिये गये अतारांकित प्रशन 4985 के उत्तर से है।

प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा दिये गये उपर्युक्त अनुदेशों का अनुपालन कड़ाई से किया जाता है।

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## Meeting of Punjab, Haryana & Delhi Chamber of Commerce

5453. SHRI CHENGALARAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of INDUS-TRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in a meeting of the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce held recently, a plant to accelerate development due to the striking rate of growth during the sixties in Punjab, was discussed;
- (b) whether due to the favourable industrial and agricultural development which has been the fastest and also trained manpower and transport facilities, industrialists are thinking of developing some new industries in that State; and

(c) if so, whether the Centre has agreed to help them in setting up the industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) It is understood that no such meeting of the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chambers of Commerce took place recently.

- (b) Government have no informa-
  - (c) Does not arise.

Confirmation and Seniority of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters of Delhi Division of Northern Railway

5455. SHRI SHASHI BHUSAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2245 on the 5th August, 1969 regarding combined Seniority List of Assistant Station Masters of Delhi and Ferozepur Divisions and state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Station Masters and Station Masters of the Delhi Division, appointed in 1946 and afterwards, have not been confirmed so far despite the orders issued by the Railway Board in May, 1969; and
- (b) how much time it will take to finalise the seniority and confirmation lists?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a) and (b). Yes. Based on the orders issued by the Railway Board in May, 1969, a provisional seniority list of Assistant Station Masters of Delhi and Ferozepur Divisions was issued on 5.1.1970 calling for objections from the concerned staff. Representations from the staff of Ferozepur Division have not yet been received. The final seniority list will be published after the objections have been considered. Confirmation of the staff will be made after their seniority is finalised.

## Posts of permanent and temporary Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters on Railways

5456. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total number of permanent and temporary posts of