

की एक-एक स्टाल का ठेका आवंटित किया गया था। पश्चिम रेलवे की रिपोर्ट को ध्यान में रखते हुए भूतपूर्व रेल मंत्री के अनुमोदन से अन्धेरी स्टेशन पर चाय के दो स्टाल और ग्रांट रोग स्टेशन पर चाय की एक स्टाल का ठेका आवंटित किया गया था। सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी नहीं है कि ये व्यक्ति भूतपूर्व मंत्री के अपने निजी आदमी थे।

(ख) ग्रांट रोड स्टेशन पर पहले से ही चार टेकेदार काम कर रहे थे। चाय को एक नई स्टाल का ठेका वर्तमान टेकेदारों में से एक को आवंटित किया गया था।

(ग) सत्तरह, पश्चिम रेलवे पर ग्रांट और मध्य रेलवे पर नौ।

(घ) यह मामला विचाराधीन है ?

Representation regarding Payment of Royalty on Crude from Gujarat

2546. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) since when representation of Government of Gujarat for increase in royalty on crude is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat represented for a further increase in the rate of royalty on Crude Oil in May, 1977. The rate of royalty on crude oil and casing head condensate was enhanced from Rs. 15/- per tonne to Rs. 42/- per tonne with effect from 8th September, 1976, Under the provisions

of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 the rate of royalty can be enhanced only once in four years. The next revision upwards cannot therefore be before 8-9-1980.

Reinstatement of Workers of 1960 Strike in Secunderabad Division

2547. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA JOARDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that out of 25 railway workers in Secunderabad Division, 17 workers were taken back in service in 1972 who participated in the 1960's strike of Central Government employees and remaining 5 workers were left out in spite of the fact that all of them had faced similar charges;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to take them back in service?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). Out of those dismissed or removed from service on Secunderabad Division in connection with the 1960 strike, it was decided to take back all except five who had serious charges against them. Out of those, one has since expired leaving four still out of service. It is not proposed to re-open their cases.

Creation of a Fertilizer Complex around Bombay

2548. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to create a fertilizer complex around Bombay based on natural gas from the Bombay High and North Bassein oil fields;

(b) if so, what will be the quantity of availability of gas from Bombay High and North Bassein;