

(b) whether there is any rule for recruitment of casual labourers; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):  
(a) 158.

(b) and (c). Casual labourers are engaged for works of seasonal, sporadic or intermittent nature. Employment of casual labour on works of casual nature such as clearance of debris refuse, seasonal repairing works inside the workshop premises, etc. is also allowed.

Restrictions imposed by CIW Administration on Cultural Functions

261. SHRIMATI AHILYA P. RANGNEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction imposed by the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works Administration on holding of cultural functions; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):  
(a) and (b). No restriction is imposed when cultural shows are organised in the premises of the respective organisations.

Demands of the Railwaymen

262. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:  
SHRI S. R. DAMANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the position of the demands of the Railwaymen; how many of them had been accepted and on what

demands the disagreement was there; and

(b) whether all such demands will be looked into afresh and efforts will be made to accept them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):  
(a) and (b). As already pointed out in reply to Unstarred Question No. 26 answered on 5-4-77 the policy of the Government is to consider all genuine demands that the recognised Federations put forward and examine them in depth in the context of the resources available.

The two Railway Labour Federations, viz., A.I.R.F. and N.F.L.F. enjoy negotiating facilities with the Ministry of Railways and their demands are examined and discussed during the meetings under the Permanent Negotiating Machinery.

Efficiency of Railways due to Overhauling

263. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:  
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:  
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has decided to restructure the Railway Ministry;

(b) if so, the main points thereof; and

(c) to what extent will the overhauling of the Ministry improve the working and efficiency of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):  
(a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.