Preamature retirement, reversion etc. in C.L.W.

317. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of premature retirements, reversion and removal from services in C.L.W. during last three years;
 - (b) the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether their cases are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) During the last three years, in C.L.W. 38 employees were prematurely retired, 18 were reverted to lower post/lower stage in the same grade and 56 were removed from service. Out of these, 4 prematurely retired and 9 removed from service have been taken back on appeal/review.

- (b) Four unsatisfactory service record, unauthorised absence, misconduct and involvement in thefts.
- (c) The cases will be reviewed in the light of Government's announcement during Railway Budget 1977-78.

Recognition of Union in C.L.W., D.L.W. and I.C.F.

318. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of KAILWAYS be pleased to state;

- (a) whether there is an active move to recognise Unions in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and other production units in Railways viz. Diesel Locomotive Works and Integral Coach Factory; and
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) and (b). Since some efforts at 549 LS—6

unification of unions at the trade union level are indicated, we will await the result of these efforts before we take the final decision or recognition. In the mean time the working of the Staff Councils will be watched.

Export of Chemicals

- 319. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether we are exporting chemicals to the other countries; and
- (b) if so, the value of chemicals exported during 1976-77?

THE MINISTER FOR PERTOLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA); (a). Yes. Sir.

(b) The value of chemicals exported during 1976-77 is estimated at Rs. 109.92 crores.

Marketing of a new Kerosene Stove by I.O.C.

320. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: SHRI MEETHA LAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTI-LIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has recently put in the market a new superior kerosene stove which is designed to be more economical in comparison to other stoves; and
- (b) if so, the main features there-of?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new stove "NUTAN" being marketed by Indian Oil Corporation has a thermal efficiency of 60 per cent as compared to 35 per cent—47 per cent