

categories of Railway officers;

- (c) If so, details thereof; and
(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) Group 'B' promotee officers of the Railways have been representing against the distinction in pay scales and classification of the posts of Assistant Officers held by those who are directly recruited in Group 'A' Junior scale on the basis of Civil Services Examination and Combined Engineering Services Examination vis-a-vis those who are promoted as Assistant officers in Group 'B'.

The distinction between Group 'A' Junior scale and group 'B' has been found justified by the successive Central Pay Commissions constituted in the past. At present direct recruits appointed to Group 'A' Junior scale are in the scale of pay of Rs. 2200-4000 and those appointed in Group 'B' on promotion are given the pay scale of Rs. 2000-3500. These pay scales have been allotted on the basis of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission which have been accepted and implemented by the Government.

National Resource Centre

957. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Resource Centre for Women has been established; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) No, sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Seasonal Ticket Holders

985. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representation has been received from the passengers regarding the grievances of seasonal ticket holders of Kanpur, Etawah, U.P.;
(b) if so, the details of their grievances; and
(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request was made for grant of permission to season ticket holders to travel between Kanpur & Etawah by Gomti Express.

(c) Season ticket holders have been permitted to travel by Gomti Express in unreserved coaches w.e.f. 5.12.1994.

Mobile Vans

959. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Kerala to give more assistance for purchase of mobile vans during 1994-95; and
(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) (a) and (b) A proposal for financial assistance of Rs. 360 lakhs for purchase of 90 vans was received from Govt. of Kerala during 1994-95. Keeping in view the total availability of funds and the *inter-se* requirements for financial assistance of other State/UT Administrations for purchase of vans, Central Government has approved a sum of Rs. 40 lakhs to the Govt. of Kerala for purchase of 10 vans during 1994-95.

Fertilizers to States

960. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
SHRI P.P. KALIAPERUMAL:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of different kinds of fertilizers supplied to each State for 1994-95 and till October, 1994;
(b) whether there is a shortfall in supply of these fertilizers to the States during this year as compared to the last two years;
(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(d) the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the supply of fertilizers to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) (a) Consequent on decontrol of low analysis nitrogenous fertilisers with effect from 10.6.1994, urea is the only fertiliser which is under statutory price control and which is allocated to States under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. **Statement—I** indicating the ECA allocation, availability and sales of urea during Kharif, 1994 (1st April to 30th September, 1994) and ECA allocation during Rabi 1994-95 (1st October, 94 to 31st March, 95) and availability and sales up to 31.10.94 is enclosed

(b) and (c) **Statement-II** indicating the availability and consumption/sales of urea in major states during the last three Kharif and Rabi seasons is enclosed.