

The position of intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is being constantly watched. Based on a review in September, 1977 a special programme was launched on all the Railways from 1-10-1977 to make good the shortfall, wherever existing, in the quota reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the non-gazetted services (including Class IV services) on the Railways to the maximum extent possible by 31st March, 1978. As a result of this, 809 Scheduled Castes and 1443 Scheduled Tribes were recruited in Class IV services and 491 Scheduled Castes and 621 Scheduled Tribes promoted to higher grades within Class IV till the end of February, 1978.

#### Foreign Technology for manufacture of sophisticated drugs

\*942. SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of sophisticated drugs are manufactured by foreign companies in the world and such companies have no branch or an associate company in India; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to attract adequate inflow of technology from such foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the requirement of bulk drugs and also having regard to the role to be played by the various sectors in the development of this industry an indicative list of drugs has already been drawn up for each sector, namely, Public, Indian and open for all sectors including the foreign sector.

Proposals from the foreign companies for the manufacture of drugs involving high technology would be considered on merits and within the parameters of the new drug policy. Government have decided that while efforts will continue to step up production of existing units by improvement of technology and of imported processes through R&D activities and the efforts of National Research Laboratories, this will not preclude obtaining crucial technology wherever necessary.

#### रेलगाड़ियों का विलम्ब से चलना

\*943. श्री गंगा भक्त सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दर्शाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रेल गाड़ियां सामान्यतः ठीक समय पर नहीं चल रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) जनवरी, फरवरी और मार्च, 1977 की तुलना में वर्ष 1978 के इन्हीं महीनों में सामान्यतः विलम्ब से चलने वाली गाड़ियों की संख्या कितनी थी ; और

(घ) इस दिशा में क्या सुधार किया जा रहा है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) जनवरी से मार्च, 1978 की अवधि में भिन्न-भिन्न क्षेत्रीय रेलों पर यात्री गाड़ियों के समय-पालन का औसत 87.9 प्रतिशत और 98.8 प्रतिशत के बीच रहा ।

(ख) गाड़ियों के समय-पालन पर सामान्यतः जिन कारणों से दुष्प्रभाव पड़ा, वे हैं— खतरे की जंजीर खींचना, बदमाशों द्वारा