

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government has taken or propose to check the recurrence of such accidents in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Banks in Railway Stations

4503. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the Railway Stations selected for opening of Banks to facilitate the remittance of cash safely and withdrawal of salary and pension by the Railway employees ;

(b) whether Government have fixed quota for opening such Banks during the current financial year, (1978-79);

(c) if so, the number thereof; and

(d) expected time by which these are proposed to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) Efforts on a continuing basis are being made by the Railways for arranging for direct remittance of cash by stations to Banks. As a result of the efforts made station earnings are now being remitted to banks direct at 477 stations. Proposals to extend this arrangement at another 357 stations are under consideration. These arrangements are made with existing branches of the nationalised banks. Banks are also welcome to open their branches at station premises not only for handling cash collections but also for transacting other business. For opening branches at stations the Banks have to obtain a licence from the Reserve Bank of India. Wherever banks show interest in opening branches in Railway premises they are encouraged to do so and their cases are recommended by the Railways to the Reserve Bank of India.

Railway employees are encouraged to draw their salary by cheque or by credit to their bank accounts and wherever facilities exist and staff volunteer to receive payment in these forms arrangements are made for the same.

Railway pensioners can at present draw pension through nationalised banks at

22 stations. A proposal to extend this facility throughout the country is under consideration.

(b) to (d). No quota as such has been fixed but the aim is to maximise the number of stations at which these facilities are provided as early as possible. With this end in view proposals have been made to the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Finance and these are under active consideration.

Production of Fertilizers during 1976-77 and 1977-78

4504. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous production of chemical and phosphate fertilizers in the country has shown upward trends during the year 1977-78; and

(b) if so, the total production during the years 1976-77 and 1977-78 in tonnes ?

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

(b) The requisite details are given below :

Year	(Production in lakh tonnes in terms of nutrients)	
	Nitrogen	Phosphate
1976-77	19.00	4.80
1977-78 (Estimated)	20.00	6.70

Train Examiners

4505. SHRI BALDEV SINGH JASROTHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) if it is a fact that there are two types of Train Examiners on the Indian Railways viz. Electrical and Mechanical ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that their recruitment qualifications are identical; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Train Examiners/Mech. have more training period than their counterparts as Train Examiners/Electrical;