arrears of rent from 1st January, 1968 to 31st December, 1972, damages for unlawful retention from 1st January 1973 and interest etc. works out to about Rs. 17.75 lakhs after adjusting the amount already paid by them and security deposit etc. available with the Railways.

(b) The Railways have already filed suits for the recovery of arrears and damages in the Court of Estate Officer Northern Railway, New Delhi. The firm have, however, filed a writ petition and obtained a stay order from the Delhi High Court. The entire issue is sub judice and further action to recover the outstanding amount from the firm can be taken only after the cases have been finally decided by the Court.

Encroschment on Railway Land by M/s. Pure Drinks Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

1425. SHRI RAMDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of encroachment of Railway land by M/s. Pure Drinks Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi; and
- (b) within what period the Ministry will eject them of illegal and unauthorised occupation of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Railway land measuring 2,748, sq. yards near Minto Bridge station was leased to M/s. Oriental Building and Furnishing Co. Private Ltd. for the specific purpose of stacking or foring material and parking of philids only. M/s. Pure Drinks Stew Bothly Private Ltd. are their

associate concern. Lease of the firm was terminated with effect from 31st December 1972 but they have so far not vacated the area.

Eviction proceedings against the firm have already been initiated under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 in the Court of Estate Officer, Northern Railway, New Delhi. The firm has, however, filed a writ petition and obtained a stay order on the eviction case from the Delhi High Court and the entire issue is subjudice. Further action in the matter can be taken only after the cases have been finally decided by the Court. It is, therefore, not possible to state when the eviction will be completed.

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1426. भी राम किशन: नया नीवहन भीर वरिष्क्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करते कि :

- (क) क्या विस्ती परिवहन निगम ने सारैस रोड से केन्द्रीय सचिवालय और रीगल तक बस स्ट नम्बर 920 का किराया 30 पसे से बढ़ाकर 80 पैसे कर विया है;
- (क) नया उक्त डी.टी.सी. बस स्ट में लारेंस रोड के निवासियों से, जिनमें से प्रधिकांश कम प्राया वर्त के लोग हैं, लगभग दो वर्षों तक 60 पैसा किराया लिया जा रहा या परन्तु कुछ महीने पहले वहां नया सर्वेक्षण कराने के बाद यह किराया कम करके 30 पैसे कर दिया गया था;
- দ 🖟 (ग) क्या लारेंस रोड से रीगल तक बस 🚾 नम्बर 920 को 9 फरवरी, 1979 तक 9 किराया स्टब्स केवल थीं परन्तु 10 फरवरी, 1979 को इन्हें बढाकर 11 कर दियाँ गया और किराया 30 पैसे से बढ़ा कर 80 पैसे कर दिया गया है;
- (व) बदि हो, तो इसके कारण और स्वीरा नवा है; धीर
- (क) क्या लारेंस रीड में सी-8 भीर सी-2 न्याको की बीच की पूरी केवल 200 मीटर है परम्ब रीपन के सी-2 न्याक का किराया 50 वर्ष है क्यांकि सी-ड तक का किराबा 80 की है ?

नीवान और परिवाहन संसामत में प्रवादी राज्य क्री (भी कांद रावः) : (क) बी, हां । भादे को 30 पैसे से 80 पसे में संबोधित किया गया, जो कि 11-2-1979 से 21-2-1979 तक प्रभावी यहा ।

् (ख) जी, हां।

- (ग) और (घ) भूतपूर्व टु-टायर पद्धति बाले मार्गो पर दूरी का ध्यान न रखते हुए चाहे वह 16 कि.मी. हो प्रवदा प्रधिक परन्तु 20 कि.मी. से कम हो, जहां कि एक टर्मिनस से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक का माड़ा 30 पैसे था को 9 भाड़ों स्टेज थीं। वतमान भाड़ा ढांचे के प्रन्तरांत भाड़ा स्टेजों के वास्तविक दूरियों के झाधार पर तय किया गया है। 920 रूट की पूरी 19.8 कि.मी. है। 11-2-1979 से स्टेजों को नई भाड़ा पद्धति में भी समायोजित कर दिया गया भौर भाड़े को लारेंस रोड से रीगल तक 80 पैसे त्तय कर दिया गया।
- (ङ) 22 फरवरी, 1979 से लाग प्रशोधित संशोधित भाड़ा रीगल से लारेंस रोड डी॰ डी॰ ए॰ कालोनी के सभी भावासीय ब्लाकों तक 50 पैसे है।

Railway Line in Backward/Tribal Areas of Gujarat

1427. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to relax the condition of economic viability regarding laying lines in rural areas and particularly backward and tribal areas in the country; and
- (b) if so, what is the number of such railway lines in the backward/ tribal areas of Gujarat and Orissa Pradesh, proposed to be laid during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The question of evolving a rational criteria for laying railway lines in backward areas where railway investments would not normally be financially viable, is under examination by the National Transport Policy Committee appointed by the Planning Commission. The new policy regarding railway lines in backward areas will be laid down after consideration of the recommendations of this Committee.

(b) The question of new lines for backward areas in Gujarat and Orissa under the new criteria does not arise at this stage.

Proposal for opening Uri and Slatket Road

1428. SHRI ABDUL AHAD VAKIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state whether Government of India has proposed to Government of Pakistan for opening Uri Road in Kashmir and Jammu, Sial-Jammu, for trade and kot Road in tourist as a step towards further normalisation of relation between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): No. Sir.

Secret Police Agents in Iranian Embassy

SINGH BHA-1429. SHRI ARJUN DORIA: Will the Minister of EXTER-NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government seen the statement of five officials of the Iranian Embassy in New Delhi that some of the officials in Iranian Embassy are associated with the Secret Police agency of Iran; and
- (b) if so, whether Government will check up that officials in other Embassies do not belong to the secret agency of their country and enjoying diplomatic facilities in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXPERNAL APPAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUMDU): (e):