

(b) if so, the rates of honorarium on each zonal Railway, separately and steps taken by Government to bring uniformity in the rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes. On each Zonal Railway, the rates of honoraria paid to the staff in the Accounts Department are fixed in accordance with the nature and quantum of work involved and allied considerations including local conditions and therefore vary from Zonal Railway to another.

(b) The rates of honorarium on each Zonal Railway are being ascertained and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha. However, in view of the fact that the General Managers of Zonal Railways are empowered to sanction such honoraria in consultation with their Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officers, there is no proposal to introduce any uniform rates throughout the Railways as a whole.

#### Passes to Railway Employees

11089. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on certain Zonal Railways there are restrictions for issuing passes outside the jurisdiction of Head Quarters of the employees; and

(b) if so, the names of the zonal Railways, where such restrictions exist and steps taken by Government to remove such restrictions and bring uniformity in the Rules?

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

#### Prizes for Apprentices

11090. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prizes declared for winner apprentices of the 18th All India Skill Competition for apprentices held in January, 1977 have not been distributed as yet;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an abnormal delay; and

(c) when the prizes will be distributed and what steps Government propose to take to avoid such delay in future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The All India Skill Competition for apprentices is held under the aegis of National Council for Training in Vocational Trades. By convention the function for the prize distribution to winners is held along with the meeting of the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the State Governments, Union Ministries, Employers and Workers Organisation etc. who attend the same (NCTVT meeting) as its members. The prize distribution function for distributing the prize for the 18th All India Skill Competition for Apprentices could not be organised so far, as the Council, the term of which has expired, is under reconstitution. Measures will be taken to give away the prizes as early as possible.

#### Rail-Road Coordination Policy

11091. CH. HARI RAM MAKKASAR GODARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he proposes to hold talks with the Minister of Transport to work out a clear, effective and urgent rail-road coordination policy especially in the face of acute short-