

Una. preference being given to Kan-
nadigas. Of the casual labourers re-
cruited, nearly 78 per cent are local
men. The Wheel and Axle Plant have
planned to engage as many local per-
sons as possible.

**Trains Cancelled during the Last
Two Years**

342. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR,
SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains which
were cancelled during the last two
years;

(b) the number of trains which
have since been re-introduced; and

(c) by what time the remaining
cancelled trains are likely to be re-
introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.
K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The
information about details of such trains
cancelled/restored from time to time
during the last 2 years is not readily
available being voluminous in charac-
ter. However, the trains cancelled due
to floods, breaches, etc. except in Morvi
area have been restored. All the
trains cancelled on account of shortage
of loco coal are expected to be
restored as early as possible.

**Proposal for a Direct Train from
Delhi to Kathgodam**

343. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal
under Government's consideration to
run a direct train from Delhi to
Kathgodam; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to
be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.

K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b).
No. Running of a direct train between
Delhi and Kathgodam is not feasible at
present due to break of gauge. Con-
nected broad gauge and metre gauge
services, however, are available.

**Strike by Workers of Visakhapatnam
Dock Labour Board**

344. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will
the Minister of SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers of Visakha-
patnam Dock Labour Board have
gone on strike in November, 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the hook-wise and date-wise
discharge figures of cement from the
vessel from 13th November, 1979 to
18th November, 1979;

(d) whether Government have re-
ceived any complaint alleging pay-
ment of speed money to the persons
from the entrance gate to the exit
gate for the delivery of imported
cement; and

(e) if so, what steps have been
taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):
(a) and (b). The workers of Visakha-
patnam Dock Labour Board were on
strike from third shift of 18th Novem-
ber, 1979 to second shift of 27th Novem-
ber, 1979 in protest against the sus-
pension of two registered workers, who
instigated 'go slow' in discharge of a
cement vessel.

(c) The average discharge of cement
per hook from 13th to 18th November,
1979 is as follows:—

Date	Average Discharge Per Hook (In tonnes)
13.11.79	12
14.11.79	47
15.11.79	Non weather working day.
16.11.79	59
17.11.79	66
18.11.79	66