

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):** (a) No such increase has come to the Government's notice.

(b) The Government are aware of the problem of food adulteration and have advised the State Governments, who are mainly responsible for the implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, to strengthen their PFA machinery to check adulteration in food effectively.

### भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच रेल मार्ग

1340. श्री विरधी चन्दा वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच आजकल कौनसी रेल मार्ग चालू है;

(ख) मुनावा रेलवे स्टेशन (भारत) से खोखरीपार रेलवे स्टेशन (पाकिस्तान) के बीच का मार्ग कब बन्द किया गया था और उस समय किन कारणों से यह बन्द करना पड़ा था;

(ग) क्या उपरोक्त मार्ग के बन्द हो जाने के कारण, राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश, गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र के लोगों को पंजाब से होकर पाकिस्तान की ओर यात्रा करने में अधिक खर्च करना पड़ता है और काफी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार का पाकिस्तान की सरकार के परामर्श से कथित रेल मार्ग पुनः खोलने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) (क) भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच रेल मार्ग अटारी होकर खुला हुआ है ।

(ख) मुजफ्फरपुर के रास्ते भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच रेल मार्ग दोनों देशों के बीच युद्ध छिड़ जाने पर सितम्बर, 1965 में बन्द कर दिया गया था ।

(ग) इस मंत्रालय को ऐसी किसी समस्या की जानकारी नहीं है । इस संबंध में इस मंत्रालय को कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं मिला है ।

(घ) रेल मंत्रालय में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव इस समय विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

### Sino-Indian Relations

1341. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what advances the country has made since 10th January, 1980 to bring back the relations between India and China to pre-1962 level?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** In his address to the Parliament, the President has stated the policy of the Government in the following terms:

"India remains willing to discuss all issues with China, including the boundary question, in search of a peaceful solution based on equality. We hope to progress also as regards bilateral exchanges."

Government intends to proceed along the above lines which were enunciated even in 1976. We have noted that the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China have also expressed a desire to improve relations.

### Sino-Indian Border

1342. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the reported opposition by Chinese Government to the statement of the P.M. on the potential danger of the Chinese on the Indian border and Bhutan, Nepal and Burma;

(b) whether the Chinese have claimed that the border between India and China has not been delimited; and

(c) if so, what is the actual position in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) Government have seen an item in the *Peoples' Daily*, the official

organ of the Chinese Communist Party expressing "surprise and regret" at P. M.'s reported statement, but as the Prime Minister has herself subsequently clarified, her remarks had not been accurately carried by the Press.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has been the consistent position of the Government of India that the Sino-Indian boundary has support in tradition and custom, as well as in the exercise of administrative jurisdiction, and has, in most parts, the sanction of specific international agreements.

#### Personnel with knowledge of Local Language

1343. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government need the services of the railway employees, such as Ticket Collectors, Station Masters, Booking Clerks, etc., having knowledge of the local language in the States where that local language is predominantly prevalent; and

(b) if so, whether the Railway Service Commissions keep in view this thing while making recruitment of such personnel?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):** (a) and (b). Recruitment to posts such as Ticket Collectors, Station Masters, Booking Clerks, etc. is made through Railway Service Commissions on zonal railway basis. Each railway zone, however, traverses two or more States. The Railway Service Commissions advertise vacancies in these categories in the newspapers commonly read in the area concerned to attract local candidates. Therefore, it is the local candidates who get selected in the Railway service in large numbers.

Also, the Railway Service Commissions at Allahabad, Bombay and

Muzaffarpur, which are located in Hindi speaking areas, allow option to candidates to take the written test in Hindi or English.

#### Holding Non-aligned Conference to defuse Afghan situation

1344. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:  
SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any meeting between Indian leaders and Yugoslavia leaders to hold non-aligned countries conference to defuse the Afghan crisis; and

(b) if so, the outcome of that meeting?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) and (b). In the course of official talks held between the Yugoslav and the Indian Foreign Ministers during the visit of the former to India, a reference was made to the situation in Afghanistan but no concrete proposals were discussed related to the holding of a conference of non-aligned countries.

#### Railway Workers Lowest Paid

1345. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway workers are the lowest paid workers amongst organised sector of industries;

(b) whether workers doing comparable or lesser jobs in other industries get much more than railwaymen; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop discontentment growing among railwaymen?