

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference was held at Islamabad from May 17 to 21, 1980.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. However, the Kashmir question was referred to by President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan in his inaugural address on May 17. India has conveyed its objection to the Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

#### **West Bengal requirements of Railway Rakes**

**477. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly requirement of railway rakes for small scale industries in West Bengal; and

(b) the actual supply of rakes for the movement of raw materials during the last three years month-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):** (a) and (b). Information in regard to the requirement and movement of raw materials to small scale industries in West Bengal or other states is not being compiled by the Railways and it is difficult to collect it readily. However, the concerned Railway authorities have instructions to assist the industries which approach them for assistance in the movement of raw materials required by them.

#### **Electric Traction in Railways**

**478. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed for introducing the electric traction in the Railways;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for introducing electric traction in West Bengal State; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):** (a) Electrification requires large initial investment and is justified economically only on sections carrying high densities of traffic which cannot be managed with steam traction and where electric traction is cheaper than dieselisation.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Bonus to Railway Protection Force**

**479. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force personnel have been granted bonus;

(b) what is the number of Railway employees working in the Railway Protection Force Department; and

(c) what amount will be needed to cover them under the bonus scheme?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):** (a) No.

(b) 65,500 Approximately.

(c) (i) Adhoc payment of 15 days' wages as paid to other Railway servants during 1979-80—Rs. 1.48 crores.

(ii) Productivity Linked Bonus equivalent to 25 days' wages on the basis of performance in terms of Revenue Traffic Tonne Kilometres of the base year 1977-79—Rs. 2.46 Crores.