

Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement

560. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the talks held between the Indian and Bangladesh Delegations in New Delhi on the implementation of the 1974 Land-Boundary agreement;

(b) whether the talks were successful; and

(c) if so, the conclusions reached thereat.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Talks were held between officials of India and Bangladesh from 14th to 17th October 1980, in New Delhi, regarding measures to be taken for expeditious implementation of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 16th May, 1974.

(b) and (c). The two delegations succeeded in identifying certain specific steps to be taken, including the early drawing up of a demarcation schedule. They also agreed upon a broad time-frame for these steps.

Promotional Prospect of Train Examiner

561. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Additional Chief Mechanical Engineers was constituted for making recommendations regarding the promotional prospects of Train Examiners in Nov, 1977;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its recommendations;

(c) if so, whether the recommendations made by the Committee regarding the promotional prospects of Train

Examiners have been implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof and when Government propose to complete the work of implementation of these recommendations in full?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, but the Committee was constituted to discuss arrangements for maintenance of Goods and Coaching Stock. The Committee also made certain observations on the promotional prospects of the Train Examiners.

(c) and (d). Taking into account the observations of the Committee and other available information, the cadre of Train Examiners was restructured twice in 1979 so as to improve the promotional prospects of this category of staff.

Cadre Restructure Scheme of Railway Board in 1976

562. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while deciding the number of posts to be upgraded at the time of cadre Restructure Scheme of Railway Board in 1976, one of the main considerations was to reduce the disparity in promotional prospects in sister categories;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a great disparity in promotional prospects of Train Examiners and other sister categories viz. Chargemen (Mech) Chargemen/Electric and even Train Examiners (Train Lighting) still exists; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove this disparity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) One of the considerations of the Cadre Restructuring scheme of 1976 was to reduce