

Reservation Clerks

2969. Shri Vishwanath Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised grade of Rs. 100—185 for Reservation clerks announced by the Railway Board in September, 1957, has not yet been implemented on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The decision has been implemented except in respect of Allahabad and Delhi Divisions.

(b) and (c). Delay was due to the review of channel of promotion and holding of suitability tests. The orders are now being implemented.

Clerks in Ministerial Services

2970. Shri Vishwanath Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 per cent of higher grade posts are reserved for graduate clerks in ministerial services;

(b) if so, whether such benefit is also extended to graduates working on line in Railways; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 20 per cent of the annual wastage in the clerical cadre is reserved for direct recruitment of graduates. For initial filling of the additional posts upgraded under orders of 7-3-57 serving graduate clerks in the lowest grade of Rs. 60—130 were considered.

(b) No.

(c) Line staff are not eligible for promotion into the clerical cadre.

Milk and Meat

2971. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the equivalent of one seer of milk in terms of lean meat, eggs, chicken and fish?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): One seer of milk is equivalent in food value to nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ seer of lean meat, 9 eggs, 10 chataks of chicken or a seer of sole fish. The statement is based on the information contained in Chapter I of the Publication entitled "Milk Production and Control" by W. Clunie Harvey and H. Hill, the relevant extract of which is reproduced below:—

"Food to be nutritious, must contain the following compounds in varying quantities:

- (1) Proteins (Nitrogenous Compounds): Easily digested protein is essential for body building.
- (2) Fats.
- (3) Sugar Constituents. These are essentially heat and energy producers.
- (4) Mineral Matter (Salts). Calcium and phosphorus salts are essential for the growing tissues of the body.
- (5) Vitamins. These are necessary for normal growth.

A certain amount of liquid must also be taken.

Food must not only possess all these constituents, but they must also be present in well-balanced proportions if the food is to be of any value. Milk is in itself complete as it contains the necessary constituents in well-balanced proportions, including a supply of each vitamin yet discovered. The digestibility of milk varies with the individual, but it is generally considered to be 95 per cent, digestible to the average persons. Not only is it a suitable form of diet, but in relation to other