

(d) There is no monopoly in the matter of allotment of catering/vending licences. The Railway Catering and Passenger Amenities Committee—1967, recommended *inter alia*, allotment of catering/vending contracts up to a ceiling limit of six units to each contractor so that his units may be viable. Individual contractors are therefore, considered for allotment of contracts up to this ceiling limit subject to their performance being satisfactory.

Over-carriage of consignments of fresh fruits and vegetables at certain Stations of Western Railway

4095 SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of consignments of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables reached at Palanpur, Abu Road, Beawar and Ajmer Stations of Western Railway in deteriorated condi-

tion, separately for each month from January, 1971 to May 1971 ;

(b) the loss sustained by the Railways due to the damages to the consignments as referred to in part (a) above ,

(c) out of the consignments referred to in part (a) above, the number of consignments which were deteriorated due to over-carriage beyond the destination stations , and

(d) the reasons for the over-carriage of the consignments beyond destination and the action taken by Government to prevent the same ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANI HAIYA) : (a) The total number of perishable consignments received in deteriorated condition at Palanpur, Abu Road, Beawar and Ajmer during the period January, 1971 to May, 1971 is as follows : -

Station	January 71	February 71	March 71	April 71	May 71	Total
Palanpur	--	--	--	--	--	--
Abu Road	--	--	--	1	1	2
Beawar	--	--	1	2	--	3
Ajmer	3	4	5	30	5	47

(b) Assessed value of loss in respect of 50 consignments received in deteriorated condition at Beawar and Ajmer is Rs. 1,140.60. It has not so far been possible to assess the value of loss in respect of 2 consignments received at Abu Road.

(c) 26 perishable consignments booked to Ajmer were over-carried.

(d) Parcels were over-carried because of unsystematic loading or incorrect loading in compartments sealed for other destinations. To prevent such cases, instructions have been reiterated to the staff at booking and intermediate stations for proper marking, systematic stacking and loading of perishable consignments in the nominated parcel or brake-vans

Reversion of Clerks to Lower Scale in Railways

4096. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Clerks on the Railways who were promoted prior to 27th April, 1959 in the scale of Rs. 130-300 were reverted to their lower scale in contravention of the Railway Board's instructions contained in their letters No. E (CST) 57 CMI-20 dated the 27th April, 1959 and 17th February, 1960 ;

(b) if so, whether any representations have been made by the employees concerned against such reversions ; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, the instructions referred to pertain to reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in "selection posts". The posts of clerks grade Rs. 130-300 are "non-selection posts".

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

18 अप एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी के डिब्बे से बीना और भोपाल के बीच चांदी की सिल्लियों की चोरी

4097. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मार्च, 1971 में बीना और भोपाल के बीच चल रही 18 अप एक्सप्रेस के एक आर-क्षित डिब्बे से समाज विरोधी तत्वों द्वारा लगभग दो लाख रुपये के मूल्य के बराबर चांदी की सिल्लियों को निकाल लिया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(ग) भविष्य में ऐसे मामलों को होने से रोकने के लिये सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया) : (क) पचास हजार रुपये के मूल्य के चांदी की तीन छोड़े चुरायी गयी थी ।

(ख) सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस ने मामले को दर्ज कर लिया जिसकी अपराध जांच पड़ताल विभाग, भोपाल द्वारा जांच-पड़ताल की जा रही है ।

(ग) इस प्रकार की चोरियों की रोकथाम के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाये जाते हैं :

(i) मूल्यवान वस्तुओं का बीमा कराया जाता है ।

(ii) बीमा की गयी वस्तुओं की अभिरक्षा के लिए अलग से एक रकम तैनात किया जाता है ।

(iii) भेद्य खण्ड में सरकारी रेलवे पुलिस/रेलवे सुरक्षा दल के मार्गरक्षियों की व्यवस्था की जाती है ।

(iv) रेलवे सुरक्षा दल द्वारा लगाये जाने वाले गश्त के काम में तेजी लायी गयी है ।

Financial aid to educated young people for starting industries

4098. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: SHRI PILOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial provisions made for young educated people for opening factories of their own ;

(b) what programmes have been chalked out in this connection ; and

(c) how far Government have been able to achieve the target ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). A scheme for the training of and assistance to Engineer Entrepreneurs has been formulated and is being implemented at a number of Institutions selected for the purpose all over the country. Copies of the scheme are available in the Parliament Library. A provision of Rs. 3 crores has been made in the Fourth Plan for the purpose and a target for training 6000 persons during the remaining period of the Plan is envisaged. Training Courses were started from January 1971 and 842 persons have undergone training up to the end of June, 1971.

Shifting of Eastern Railway Headquarters to Danapur

4099. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not shifting the Zonal Headquarters of the Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Danapur ;