

tion, Kanpur has joined its Board of Directors ; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):** (a) and (b), Shri Sarjoo Prasad Singh's name was proposed by a Government nominee at the Annual General meeting held on 22-8-1970 and he was elected by overwhelming majority of votes of the shareholders at the said annual general meeting.

#### Competition between Rail and Road Transport

1579. **SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any competition with Road Transport at present ; and

(b) if so, whether users of Railways are complaining, vehemently about the bad service and management and corruption in Railways ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) Yes.

(b) Some complaints of this nature are received, but they are not connected with road competition.

#### Streamlining of working of Agro-Industries

1580. **SHRI SAMINATHAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to streamlining the working of all agro-industries in the country ; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to bring about coordination amongst the various Departments/Organizations dealing with Agro-Industries and the Financial Institutions as well a Standing Coordination Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of a senior officer

in the Ministry of Industrial Development. It is proposed to augment considerably the technical assistance programme for agro-industries by introducing improved machinery and equipment, training artisans, and establishing regional testing laboratories.

#### Rail link between Bangarpet and Tirupati via Kolar

1581. **SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been made to Government for providing rail communication between Bangarpet to Tirupati via Kolar, Palamaner ; and

(b) whether Government propose to undertake a survey for providing this rail link ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) Yes.

(b) No proposal for such a survey is at present under consideration.

#### Issue of Identity Cards to Voters

1582. **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :** Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Election Commission has decided on issuing an Identity Card with a photograph to every voter ; and

(b) if so, the cost involved ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) :**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Disparities in Pay and Allowances of Employees in Private Sector and Public Sector Undertaking

1583. **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of disparities in higher categories in respect of salary and allowances in private sector and public sector undertakings ; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to remove the disparity ?