

रेल मंत्री श्री हनुमंतैया : (क) जी नहीं, लेकिन थोड़े बहुत खटमल वहां हो सकते हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) फर्नीचर को खटमलरहित करने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

**Disparities in emoluments of low-paid and high-paid officials of Railways**

7459. SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are disparities in the emoluments of low-paid and high-paid officials of the Railways ; and

(b) the steps taken to bridge the gap ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). Under the existing pay structure, the minimum of the lowest scale is Rs. 70/- p.m. plus dearness allowance of Rs. 71/- p. m. and the maximum salary payable is Rs. 3500/- p. m.

With the increase in the rates of dearness allowance from time to time in the case of staff in the lowest scale, the ratio of disparity between the lowest and the highest scales has been reduced. After the First Pay Commission, in 1947 the ratio of the highest salary to the lowest emolument in Railway service was 55 : 1 and at present the ratio is 25 : 1. It may, however, be added that Government have since appointed another Pay Commission to examine the emoluments and service conditions of Central Government employees including Railway employees.

**Circular Railway for Bombay**

7460. SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for Tube Railway or circular Railway for Bombay ; and

(b) if so, the progress made in its implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). There is, as yet, no proposal for the construction of Circular Railway or Tube Railway in Bombay.

2. Railways had set up a Metropolitan Transport Organisation in Bombay in November, 1969. This Organisation is entrusted with the responsibility of conducting :-

(i) Preliminary Engineering Survey for a Third Terminal at Ballard Estate together with an approach line to the Third Terminal ;

(ii) Techno-economic Feasibility Studies for the Mass Rapid Transit System in Bombay.

3. Preliminary Engineering Survey for the Third Terminal has been completed. The Studies for Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) are in progress. These are expected to be completed by July, 1972.

**Wheat Rots in Open Wagons**

7461. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared under the caption "Wheat rots in open wagons" in the *Blitz* dated the 27th June, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(b) On 3-6-1971, special of 51 wagons of foodgrains was loaded at Amritsar and Bhagatwala for Sahibganj and Bhagalpur. It consisted of 8 covered wagons and the rest opens. It was diverted to Wadala (B. P. T. Railway), as the original booked terminals were congested. During peak

Rabi crop season, when heavy quantities of foodgrains are to be transported within a short period of two months, use of open wagons to a limited extent is inescapable. Diversion of some of the specials also become unavoidable when original destinations get congested in order to ensure expeditious release of loaded wagons which could otherwise be lying under-load till congestion is over. The diverted wagons were placed at the Food Corporation of India's Depot at Wadala on 19-6-1971 and were unloaded on 19/20-6-1971. The extent of damage was less than one percent of the contents of the special.

**Credit facilities to entrepreneurs for setting up of Small Scale Industries in U.P.**

7462. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new scheme for providing special credit facilities to new entrepreneurs and development of small scale industries in the Eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration of Government ; and

(b) if so, the date by which it is likely to be given effect to ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The information has been sought from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Production and Export of Tyres**

7463. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of tyres for cycles, scooters, cars and heavy vehicles exported and the countries to which exported during 1970-71 ; and

(b) the efforts being made to augment production for export purposes and to meet the increasing internal demand.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a)

The quantity of tyres of various categories exported and the countries to which the exports have taken place during 1970-71 (upto January 1971) are indicated below :—

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Description/ Country</i>	<i>Quantity Exported in Nos.</i>
<b>1. Cycle Tyres :</b>		
	Afghanistan	54000
	Chana	103000
	Guyana	27000
	Iran	30000
	Iraq	26000
	Peru	44000
	Sudan	29000
	Tanzania Rep.	7000
	Thailand	215000
	U. S. A.	206000
	Others	231000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>972000</b>
<b>2. Car Tyres :</b>		
	Ceylon	300
	Kenya	2864
	Nepal	1813
	Iraq	2770
	Yugoslavia	13995
	U.A.R.	4263
	Others	4440
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30445</b>
<b>3. Tyres for Motor Cycles :</b>		
	Australia	1300
	Yugoslavia	500
	Others	979
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2779</b>