

(c) whether the Mazdoors will have to face retrenchment by Government; and  
(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA):** (a) and (b). Casual labourers in unskilled categories are engaged on Haldia—Panskura Rail Link Construction. Their minimum rate of wages is Rs. 3.50 per day which has been increased from Rs. 3.03, only in November, 1970.

(c) and (d). As casual labourers are engaged specifically for the duration of the works, they have to be discharged on completion of such works.

**Memorandum to Government by Catering Vendors Union, Howrah on Eastern Railway**

5378. **SHRI A. K. SAHA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Catering Vendors' Union, Howrah on the Eastern Railway in regard to their grievances;

(b) if so, the main demands of the workers; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

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

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-693/71.*]

**Survey of River Sankhi at Border of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar**

5379. **SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have surveyed the River Sankhi on the border of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the outcome of the same; and

(c) whether Government propose to construct a bridge over the same which will give facilities to both the States?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL):** (a) to (c). The Bihar State Electricity Board have investigated a hydro-electric project on the Sankhi river and have prepared a report. The project will have an installed capacity of 594 MW. The project does not provide for a road bridge. It is not included in the Fourth Plan but is proposed for the decade plan (1971-1981).

The Ministry of Shipping & Transport have also not so far received any proposal for a road bridge on the Sankhi river.

**Electrification in Dharam Zila and Jaigarh to Jaspur in District Raigarh (Madhya Pradesh)**

5380. **SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages are without electricity in Dharam Zila and Jaigarh to Jaspur in District Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps Government contemplate to provide electricity to these villages, especially for tube-well purposes; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The following schemes have been taken up by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board:—

(i) Energisation of 302 pumps in 23 villages in Dharam Jaigarh-Pathalgaon and Lylunga-Kudba areas is in progress. So far 161 pumps have been energised.

(ii) 39 pumps have been energised in 13 villages in Patalgaon-Vijaynagar-Kapur area.

(iii) 20 pumpsets have been energised in 5 villages in Patalgaon-Sitapur-Bathauli area.

(iv) Energisation of 228 pumps in 17 villages in Patalgaon-Kunpuri area is in progress. 210 pumps have been energised so far in 16 villages.

(v) Energisation of 27 pumps in Bandar-chauhar-Rajauti-Bagia area is in an advanced stage of progress.

(vi) 55 pumps in 6 villages in Basband-Bahama area have been energised.

### कल्याण विभाग द्वारा रेल कर्मचारियों के बच्चों को छात्रवृत्तियाँ

5381. श्री धनशाह प्रधान : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेल कर्मचारियों के बच्चों को रेलवे कल्याण विभाग से छात्रवृत्ति के रूप में कुछ राशि प्राप्त होती है ;

(ख) किन वर्गों के कर्मचारियों के बच्चों को छात्रवृत्तियाँ दी जाती हैं; और

(ग) कितने रूपयों की छात्रवृत्तियाँ दी गईं तथा छात्रवृत्तियाँ किस आधार पर दी जाती हैं ?

रेल मन्त्री (श्री हनुमंतैया) : (क) इस प्रकार की छात्रवृत्तियाँ कर्मचारी हित निधि से दी जाती हैं ।

(ख) तीसरी और चौथी श्रेणी के ऐसे सभी कर्मचारियों को जिनका वेतन, मंहगाई वेतन को मिलाकर 695 रुपये प्रति मास से अधिक नहीं होता ।

(ग) ऐसी छात्रवृत्तियों की रकम प्रति मास 15 रुपये से लेकर 70 रुपये तक अलग-अलग है । ये छात्रवृत्तियाँ पात्र रेल कर्मचारियों के बच्चों को दी जाती हैं ताकि वे तकनीकी शिक्षा जारी रख सकें, जिसमें विज्ञान में डिग्री प्राप्त करने के पाठ्यक्रम अथवा आयुर्विज्ञान (मेडिसिन) में तथा इंजीनियरिंग की विभिन्न शाखाओं में डिग्री / डिप्लोमा प्राप्त करने के पाठ्यक्रम शामिल हैं । छात्रवृत्ति की रकम कर्मचारी हित निधि समिति द्वारा प्रत्येक मामले में छात्रों द्वारा देय शुल्क आदि को ध्यान में रखकर निर्धारित की जाती है ।

### Expenditure on the visit of General Manager (Southern Railway)

5382. SHRI PILOO MODY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total expenses incurred by the Southern Railway Administration for the General Manager's visit to Chirayinkil, Trivandrum and Quilon on 31st October, 1970 and 19th January, 1971?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): Rs. 243.53 (Rupees Two hundred forty three and paise fifty three only), besides the normal allowances, admissible under the rules, were spent on 31-10-70 in connection with the opening of the new Chirayinkil Station building by the General Manager, Southern Railway. No expenditure was incurred in connection with the visit of the General Manager, Southern Railway to Quilon on 19-1-71, except for the payment of the normal allowances admissible under the Rules.

### Production of Cars to meet domestic Demand and for export

5383. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the cars proposed to be manufactured either in the public or private sector for which letters of intents have been issued or are being issued, would be within the reach of the middle-income group for purchase; and

(b) whether these cars will have any export potentiality or they are sought to be produced only to meet the domestic needs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) While it is difficult at this stage to estimate with any degree of precision the prices at which the cars proposed to be manufactured in the public or private sector for which letters of intent have been issued or are being issued will be sold, every effort will be made to keep the cost of production as low as possible in these cases so as to bring the cars within the reach of the middle-income group.