

Castes, the shortage is generally in the case of technical posts where the candidates with requisite educational or technical qualifications are not forthcoming.

(b) and (c). The Department of Social Welfare have already launched a scheme for the purpose known as 'Confidence Building Scheme'.

Closure of WIMCO Factory Baranagar, West Bengal

2735. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the closing down of Western India Match Company factory, Baranagar, West Bengal ;

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

(c) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to the closure ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reopen this factory ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a), (b) and (d). The paper factory of the Western India Match Company at Alam Bazar remained closed from 5-4-71 to 3-5-71. It is reported that the factory is in production after 3-5-71.

(c) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representations by Staff of Accounts Department to Minister and Secretary, Railway Board

2736. DR. SARADISH ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of representations addressed to the Minister or to the Secretary Railway Board by the staff of the Accounts Department from the month of April, 1970 to March, 1971, separately, of each Zonal Railway and each month;

(b) the total number of representations out of the above which could reach his Ministry stating the time taken in this regard;

(c) the number of representations as stated in part (b) above finalised and the time taken to finalise them; and

(d) the reasons for not finalising the rest and steps taken in this regard by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha.

Posting of Travelling Ticket Examiners in the Olavakkot Division (Southern Railway)

2737. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are no Travelling Ticket Examiners in the Olavakkot Division of Southern Railway, as a result of which ticketless travellers have considerably increased; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). There are 138 Travelling Ticket Examiners in the Olavakkot Division of Southern Railway. Out of these 93 are utilised in Sleeper Coaches, 33 for general train checking and 12 for Divisional Squads. Duties of these TTES are so arranged as to ensure that most of the trains are subject to checks at some point or the other. Apart from the Divisional Checking staff, the Headquarters Flying Squads regularly operate on this Division. As a result of these measures ticketless travel is considerably less in this Division.

Increment benefit to those stagnating at maximum of Pay-scale

2738. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the benefit of one increment was granted from 1st March 1970 to those Railway employees who were stagnated at the