

**Promotion of Commercial Inspectors on the basis of Length of Service**

3311. SHRI SHIVA CHANDIKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(2) whether in the case of Claims Inspectors on the Northern Railway in whose case selection was not held for about a decade, the total length of service put in by them in the grades (I) Rs. 205-280 and (II) Rs. 250-380 was taken into account while considering them for promotion as Commercial Inspectors in grade Rs. 335-425 (AS) ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not granting similar treatment to the Commercial Inspectors in whose case the holding of selection was delayed for selection to Class II Service and also as Commercial Inspectors in Grade 450-575 (AS) ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes. The length of service rendered by the staff in grade Rs. 250-380 (AS) was added to the service rendered by them in grade Rs. 205-280 in order to determine their seniority on the basis of their total length of service in grade Rs. 205-280.

(b) The matter is already under the examination of the Northern Railway Administration.

**Dibrugarh town in Assam faced with Erosion by Brahmaputra**

3312. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that Dibrugarh Town in Lakhimpur District, Assam has been threatened again with erosion by the Brahmaputra River from the side of Myjan Tea Estate ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect Dibrugarh from this new danger ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) (a) and (b). The State Government have reported that erosion is taking place along the left bank of the

Brahmaputra near Nagabohi and Oakland Tea Estates, about 6 to 8 Km. upstream of Myjan bridge (Dibrugarh Town). The State Government are taking necessary measures to repair and strengthen the existing protection works at Dibrugarh for the safety of the town.

**Transportation of Goods from and to Assam through Trucks**

3313. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Tea, Jute and other goods are transported outside Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland and also various kinds of goods are transported into Assam, by trucks rather than by Railways;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to look into the matter to ascertain the reasons for such preference ; and

(c) the number of goods wagons with goods and also empty wagons which entered Assam in 1969-70 and 1971 so far and the number of empty goods wagons which came out of Assam during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. During the year 1970-71, inward traffic to these States increased to 103947 wagons as against 101134 during 1969-70. Outward traffic from N. F. Railway during the year 1970-71 was marginally lower than that during 1969-70, mainly due to restriction in loading of tea to Calcutta area during September, 70 to January, 71 on account of labour trouble in Calcutta area and restriction in the movement of jute during December 1970 on account of jute mill strike.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Number of loaded and empty wagons to Assam and number of empty wagons despatched from Assam during 1969-70 and 1970-71 are given below :—

*number of wagons received*

	<i>Loaded</i>	<i>Empty</i>
1969-70	101134	3667
1970-71	103947	1229

*number of empty wagons dispatched*

1969-70	16946
1970-71	19000