

वस्तुओं के विषय में विश्वव्यापी निविदाएं आमंत्रित करते हैं और कतिपय प्रमुख वस्तुएं बाजारगत द्वारा सौदा करके खरीदते हैं, जो कच्चे माल के स्वरूप तथा प्राप्यता पर निर्भर है।

**Removal of distinction between  
Workers and Officers**

1213. SHRI P.M. MEHTA :  
SHRI P. GANGA DEB :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is devising measures to remove the distinction between workers and officers; and

(b) whether ways are also being devised to give opportunity to the low paid employees to reach top positions ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The classification of Railway Officers into various classes, i.e. I, II, III and IV was done on the basis of the recommendations of the First Pay Commission. The Second Pay Commission continued the above classification and it is a matter for the Third Pay Commission to make fresh recommendations in this regard.

(b) Appreciable opportunities have already been provided for promotion of non-gazetted employees to the higher grade posts subject to their being considered suitable for the post concerned. The entire Class II cadre of officers is filled by promotion from among non-gazetted employees; out of the vacancies occurring in Class I Services, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent are reserved for promotion from Class II officers.

**New Price Policy for Canalised Imports**

1214. SHRI P.M. MEHTA :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are evolving a three-tier pricing policy for commodities whose imports have been cana-

lised through public sector agencies ? and

(b) if so, the reasons for the new price policy ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The selling prices in respect of canalised imports are fixed with a view to meeting the requirements of exporters on a preferential basis.

**International Trade Fair to be held  
in Delhi**

1215. SHRI P.M. MEHTA :  
SHRI P. GANGA DEB :  
SHRI J.B. PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India will invite China to take part in the international trade fair to be held in Delhi next year;

(b) when the fair is going to be held;

(c) whether the over-all plan for the fair has been finalised; and

(d) whether Government of India have sent invitations to all the Nations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From November 3 to December 17, 1972.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Invitations have been extended to all countries having diplomatic/trade relations with India.

**Reorganisation of Export Credit and  
Guarantee Corporation**

1216. SHRI P.M. MEHTA :  
SHRI P. GANGA DEB :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE