

(a) whether on the night of the 27th-28th April, 1972 the Assistant Yard Master, Kankaria Yard, Ahmedabad (Western Railway) along with the shunting staff caught hold of pilferers stealing bags of grain from the loading yard with the connivance of the R.P.F. men on duty;

(b) whether the R.P.E. men concerned locked up the Assistant Yard Master and Shunting staff for two hours; and

(c) whether any report to this effect was made to the Station Master and if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T.A. PAI): (a) No. However on the night of 27th/28th April, 1972 two persons escaped when chased by the shunting staff leaving the wheat bags behind. No connivance of Railway Protection Force staff is reported in this case.

(b) No, but the Railway Protection Force staff behaved rudely with the Assistant Yard Master and the Shunting staff and took them to the R.P.F. post.

(c) Yes. The Station Master Kankaria was apprised of this incident by Sub-Inspector, Railway Protection Force. One Head Rakshak and two Rakshaks responsible for rude behaviour and improper action were placed under suspension.

Irrigation Commission Report

284. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the decisions taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Irrigation Commission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): Government are examining the various recommendations made by the Irrigation Commission. As a first step the recommendations were considered at the meeting of State Ministers on Irrigation and Power held in Srinagar from 29th June to 1st July, 1972.

Cheap and Vulgar Songs Broadcast through internal loudspeakers of Rajdhani Expresses

285. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cheap and vulgar songs and other pop-music are being broadcast through internal loudspeakers of Rajdhani Expresses ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). Indian and Western music, classical as well as popular, is played on the internal Public Address System of Rajdhani Expresses. This includes Western non classical music for playing of which requests are received from many passengers. In addition, Vividh Bharati programmes of All India Radio are relayed over the Public Address System. The popular music played is similar to that generally relayed by All India Radio.

The Railway Administrations concerned have instructions to take audience reaction into account when deciding what music should be broadcast and when.

Setting up of Power Plants by States

286. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Punjab and some other States in the country have asked the Centre for setting up power plants ; and

(b) if so, the names of the States, the proposals made and the decisions taken thereon ?

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

(b) The requisite details are given in the enclosed Statement.