

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Drinking water for Railway Staff  
Quarters at Bhojudih (South Eastern  
Railway).**

3782. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY :

SHRI DINEN BHATTA-  
CHARYYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether drinking water is supplied to Railway staff quarters at Bhojudih of South Eastern Railway after proper filtering;

(b) whether due to supply of improperly filtered water throughout the month of June, July 1972, most of the Railway Employees and their families suffered from stomach trouble; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Investigation into the selection of claim  
tracers on Western Railway**

3783. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRA-  
SAD :

SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2829 on the 22nd June, 1971 regarding investigation into the Selection of Claim Tracers on Western Railway and state :

(a) whether the investigation has since been finalised so far;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c)

(c) whether the employees who applied for the said selection will be made eligible to apply the next selection or whether they will be debarred for the coming selection ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) Certain mistakes relating to the eligibility of candidates called for the suitability test have come to notice.

(c) Only those Commercial Clerks who are working in scale Rs. 110-180(AS) and not promoted/confirmed in scale Rs. 150-240(AS) in their own cadre will be eligible to apply for the suitability test for post of Claims Tracer in scale Rs. 150-240(AS).

**Commercial Inspectors, Rates Section  
Headquarters Office (Western Railway)**

3784. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRA-  
SAD :

SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 13 posts of Commercial Inspectors in Rates Section in the Headquarters Office, Western Railway, Bombay have been upgraded vide the CCS (E)-CCG's letter No. E/261/2/7-5-72 of 2nd March, 1972;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) total number of posts of Commercial Inspectors (Rates) available in Headquarters Office, Bombay, and in each of the Divisions of Western Railway, separately in each grade ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). In order to strengthen the Marketing and Sales organisation of the Western Railway, 5 new posts were created in the grades Rs. 450-575, Rs. 370-475 and Rs. 335-425. Five existing posts in lower grades were simultaneously kept in abeyance.

Scale of pay Rs.	Number of posts								
	H. O Office	Division							
		Bom- bay	Baro- da	Rat- lam	Kota	Aj- mer	Jai- pur	Raj- kot	Bhav- nagar
450-575 (A)	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
370-475 (A)	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
335-425 (A)	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
250-380 (A)	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
205-280 (A)	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..

The posts of Rates Inspectors on the Divisions shown above were created with effect from 2-3-1972 exclusively for attending to the Sales and Marketing work in their respective Divisions.

#### **Directive to State Electricity Board for curtailing electricity**

3785. SHRI M. S. SIVASWAMY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any directive from his Ministry was recently issued to the State Electricity Boards for curtailing the consumption of electric; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the reaction of the State Governments thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). In the present context of emergency and the scarcity conditions prevailing all over the country and the need for increasing food production it is considered necessary, to give power supply to agricultural pumping. Accordingly the State Electricity Boards have been requested to conserve power to the maximum extent by curtailing the supply of electricity to cinema theatres, commercial advertisements or for decorative uses, and to ensure supply of power for irrigation wells. The reaction of the States in the matter has been favourable.

#### **Discussions with Bangladesh for Controlling Brahmaputra**

3786. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have held any discussion with Bangladesh Government for joint project to Control Flood and erosing of Brahmaputra;

(b) if so, nature thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to take up this problem with Bangladesh Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (c). The Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission met in Delhi in June, 1972 and discussed cooperation between the

two countries on the control of floods and erosion in the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Megha basin. Some problems have been identified for priority consideration but specific project have still to be drawn up by the Commission.

#### **"Intensive" Classification for Staff of Loco Running Staff**

3787. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Administration have kept watch over the working hours of Loco Running Staff for the purpose of declaring them 'Intensive' as directed by the Adjudicator's Award; and

(b) if so, how many members of Loco Running Staff have been declared as 'Intensive' ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) The Adjudicator did not recommend that any running staff should be classified as 'Intensive'. He had recommended that such staff should be classified as 'Continuous' with the weekly limit of 54 hours per week on the average in any month, having due regard to the intensity of work of any specified section in fixing hours of duty at a stretch. Accordingly, instructions were issued to Railways in April, 1960 that the running duty at a stretch of running staff working the suburban sections, where the traffic is fast and intensive should be limited to 8 hours.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Unearthing of a gang of Wagon Breakers and their supporters**

3788. SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the preventive forces of Railways have unearthed a gang of wagon breakers and their patrons in different parts of India; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) No such gang having All-India ramifications has come to notice. However, several local wagon breakers were arrested.

(b) Does not arise.