

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) The actual production from the Integral Coach Factory, Perambur during 1972-73 and 1973-74 (planned) are as under:—

	1972-73	1973-74
Shells (Unfurnished coaches)	671	750
Fully Furnished Coaches	705	750

(ii) In June 1973, Integral Coach Factory, Perambur executed an order for the supply of 6 coaches to Zambia valued at Rs. 14.81 lakhs. No major order was executed by Integral Coach Factory, Perambur during 1972.

Uniform Wage Policy for various Units

2346. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps have been taken to have uniform wage policy in the various units under the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals. and

(b) whether any formula has been evolved and if so, the salient features of this formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No steps have been taken to evolve a uniform wage policy in the various units under the control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals.

(b) Does not arise.

Inferior Quality of Food Served in the Delhi-Howrah Train

2347. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the quality of food

served by the dining cars in Delhi-Howrah train is very inferior; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the catering service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A few complaints about the quality of food served in the dining cars on Delhi-Howrah route have been received.

(b) Some of the steps taken/being taken to improve catering in dining cars on Delhi-Howrah route are given below:—

- (i) On IUP/2DN Howrah-Delhi Mail, the conventional dining car service has been replaced with effect from 1-7-73 by a system of picking up 'Ready to Serve' meals cooked at static units en-route on the pattern of service introduced on Frontier Mail and Grand Trunk Express which has been widely appreciated. Modernized kitchens have been set up at Tundla and Kanpur where food is cooked and supplied to the pantry car of IUP/2DN Mail.
- (ii) Similar arrangement has been introduced on the new bi-weekly New Delhi-Samastipur Jayanti Janata Express from 31-10-1973.
- (iii) Service on similar pattern is proposed to be introduced shortly on 81UP/82DN and 103UP/104DN Airconditioned Expresses.
- (iv) To cater for bulk of passengers, cheap food packets have been introduced at important stations on this route.

Clearance of Irrigation Projects in Karnataka

2348. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the irrigation projects relating to Kaveri river in