

staff working at Bajuwa, Western Railway has been received by the Railway Minister; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government for payment of house rent allowance to the staff working at Bajuwa ?

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

(b) Payment of House Rent Allowance to the Railway staff working at Bajuwa could not be extended beyond 31-7-1973, as the main condition of dependency of Bajuwa on Baroda for its essential supplies ceased to exist

Transfer of Quarters from Northern Railway to Western Railway at Delhi

2618 SHRI GADADHAR SAHA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state -

(a) whether it was decided by the Railway Ministry in the year 1971 that the Northern Railway would hand over 23 quarters to the Western Railway staff for allotment to the staff working in the Foreign Traffic Accounts Office, Western Railway, Delhi,

(b) if so whether the quarters have since been handed over, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government to get the decision implemented ?

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

(b) and (c) 14 quarters have so far been handed over to Western Railway. The remaining 9 quarters will be transferred in phases, as soon as they become available.

Formation of Panel for Stock Verifiers from Accounts Staff, Northern Railway

2619. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GO-SWAMI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether names were called for from the Accounts Staff a few months back to prepare a panel of Stock Verifiers on the Northern Railway,

(b) if so, whether the panel has since been finalised, and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and when the panel is likely to be finalised and how the vacancies of Stock Verifiers are being filled in, in the absence of any panel ?

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

(b) and (c) On representations from certain staff it has been considered that the panel may be finalised after the revised scales for Sub-heads and Stock Verifiers, including the question of parity in the scales are decided. The posts are now being filled on *ad hoc* basis, from amongst the senior most Clerks Grade I volunteering for the post

Supply of Coal to Thermal Plants

2620 SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the thermal power plants in the country are having full supply of coal

(b) if not, the stock position with regard to shortage in the different States,

(c) whether as a result of shortage of coal there will be any shortage of power production, and

(d) if so, to what extent and the regions that will be worst hit for the next six months ?