

schemes involving a loan assistance of Rs. 80.901 lakhs mainly pertain to tribal areas. The details of the schemes are given below:—

Name of the scheme 1	Amount of loan Sanctioned 2	Coverage	
		No. of villages 3	No. of pump set 4
(Rs. in lakhs)			
Kelura Police Station in Sundergarh District	25.720	63	50
Chanpa, Patna and Saharpada Blocks in Keonjihar District	28.417	54	11
Nandgaon Block in Sundergarh District	26.764	76	25

**Recruitment and Promotion Opportunities in Railways for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

80. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board have taken decisions in regard to recruitment and promotion opportunities in the Railways for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the broad outlines regarding quota which has been provided;

(c) whether Government have also taken decision to look into the grievances of the staff belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the Salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). There is a reservation quota of 15 per cent for Scheduled Castes and 7½ per cent for Scheduled Tribes in recruitment to vacancies which carry scale of pay rising above Rs. 375 p m. For other vacancies, varying percent-

ages have been prescribed for each Zonal Railway based on the percentage of population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as compared to the overall population of the area traversed by a particular Railway. In promotions a quota of 15 per cent and 7½ per cent is provided in posts filled by (a) on the basis of seniority-cum-suitability in Class I, II, III and IV, (ii) by competitive examination limited to departmental candidates in Class II, III and IV; and (iii) by selection in Class III and IV provided the element of direct recruitment to these grades does not exceed 50 per cent.

(c) and (d). A special Cell has been set up in the Railway Ministry under a senior officer assisted by two Advisers one each from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Personnel Department on the zonal railways has also been strengthened by the addition of a Senior Personnel Officer with necessary staff on each railway for this important work.

**Cut in Furnace Oil Allocations to Industry**

81. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: