

Re-examination of Narmada Issue

7773. SHRI VEKARIA:
SHRI D. P. JADEJA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Narmada Issue is to be re-examined;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). The issues involved in the Narmada Water Disputes are very complex and are under careful study in all their relevant aspects. It is difficult to indicate precisely by when the decision will be announced.

Unloading of wagons by FCI in West Bengal and diversion to other States

7774. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH:
SHRI TARUN GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Railway has told the Food Corporation of India that its 200 wagons carrying about 5000 tonnes of foodgrains were not being unloaded at Cossipore, Kalighat, Sealdah and Howrah because of some go slow movement;

(b) whether F.C.I. has been warned that foodgrains wagons stalled in different sheds would be diverted to other States, if not, unloaded immediately; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Food Corporation of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). The Food Corporation of India's attention has been drawn to non-release of a number of foodgrain

wagons at Cossipore, Kalighat, Sealdah and Howrah. It is understood that slow releases are mainly due to go slow tactics of the labour of F.C.I. and also due to stopping of work by F.C.I.'s transport contractors and miscreants throwing crackers near foodgrain wagons. Regular contacts at the highest level are continuing to persuade the Food Corporation of India to step up releases at various points. The West Bengal Government are being apprised regularly of the labour problem and the law and order situation. The F.C.I. has also held discussions with labour leaders and is taking disciplinary action against labour responsible for go slow tactics. It has also warned the transport contractor to supply adequate number of trucks.

Direct recruitment of R.T.As.

7775. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R.T.As. are recruited directly; and

(b) if so, the reasons for direct recruitment when graduates and more seasoned men are available in Station Master's category whose appointment can result in saving huge amount of money on the training for 3 years of the new recruits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). The category of R.T.As. (Relieving Transportation Assistants) which was in vogue on Northern, Eastern and South Eastern Railways has since been abolished.

Dislocation of Train services during the last one year

7776. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been dislocation of train movement in the country during the last one year;