

(c) It may not be possible to assess with any degree of accuracy the extent to which corruption on the Indian Railways has been eradicated as a result of Vigilance activities.

EARNING TO RAILWAYS ON STONE CONSIGNMENTS

4475. SHRI B. N. KUREEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total earnings of the Railways on the stone consignments during the years 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67 and 1967-68;

(b) the total amount of claims paid on the stone consignments by the Indian Railways during the above period ; and

(c) the total amount of claims paid by the Railways on Mangalore tiles during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) The total earnings of the Railways from stone consignments, including marble, during the years 1964-65 1965-66, 1966-67 and the first half of 1967-68 are shown below :

1964-65	..	7.77 crores
1965-66	...	8.46 crores
1966-67	..	10.42 crores
1967-68	...	4.48 crores

(April to September, 1967).

(b) and (c). Separate figures are not maintained in respect of claims paid against consignments of stone and Mangalore tiles. To extract the information, a reference would have to be made to individual files, which number more than five lakhs a year. It is regretted, therefore, that the information asked for cannot be supplied.

PROCUREMENT OF SHOES BY S.T.C.

4476. SHRI VIDYA DHAR BAJPAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has opened an office at Calcutta from where it procures 10,000 pairs of shoes per year ;

(b) whether the procurement from Ludhiana and Karnal was 70,000 pairs approximately during 1967 ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not opening offices at Karnal and Ludhiana respectively ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) STC's regional office in Calcutta looks after the procurement of footwear and leather components for exports to various countries. In 1967 STC placed order in Calcutta for 21,000 pairs of shoes and 1,82,000 pairs of cowboy upper leathers.

(b) Orders placed on suppliers in Ludhiana and Karnal in 1967 were of the order of 7,320 and 33,760 pairs respectively.

(c) Procurement of shoes from Karnal and Ludhiana is made through State Export Corporation and State Trading Corporation does not consider it necessary to open separate office for this purpose. The Corporation have posted a senior Inspector in these areas.

PRICES OF SHOES CHARGED BY S. T. C.

4477. SHRI VIDYA DHAR BAJPAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the State Trading Corporation charged commission from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per pair of shoes exported to U.S.S.R. and Bulgaria during the period from 1956 to 1967;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बांदा जंक्शन पर पूछताछ कार्यालय

4478. श्री जगेश्वर यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बांदा जंक्शन पर कोई पूछताछ कार्यालय नहीं है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो वहाँ पर ऐसा कार्यालय कब तक स्थापित हो जायेगा ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चे० मु० पुनाचा) : (क) बांदा में अलग से कोई पूछताछ कार्यालय नहीं है। लेकिन स्टेशन पर सार्वजनिक टेलीफोनो की व्यवस्था है और जनता की पूछताछ का उत्तर स्टेशन के कर्मचारियों द्वारा दिया जाता है।

(ख) अलग से पूछताछ कार्यालय बनाने का कोई विचार नहीं है।

लखनऊ-बड़ीदा एक्सप्रेस तथा कानपुर-बड़ीदा यात्री गाड़ियां

4479. श्री जगेश्वर यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे उत्तर में लखनऊ-बांदा एक्सप्रेस और कानपुर-बांदा सवारी गाड़ियां, जो क्रमशः लखनऊ और कानपुर से चलती हैं। इन स्टेशनों से प्रतिदिन देरी से चलती हैं, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप इन गाड़ियों में यात्रा करने वाले यात्री मध्य रेलवे में झांसी-मानिकपुर सैक्शन पर चलने वाली गाड़ियां नहीं पकड़ पाते; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बात के लिये सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है कि उपर्युक्त गाड़ियां देरी से न चलें ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) जी नहीं, प्रतिदिन नहीं। सिवाय एक दिन के 522 अप/523 डाउन मानिकपुर झांसी सवारी गाड़ियों से सभी दिन मेल हुआ लेकिन 521 डाउन/524 अप गाड़ियों से मेल की स्थिति सन्तोषजनक नहीं रही।

(ख) इस बात पर विशेष निगरानी रखी जाती है कि ये गाड़ियां ठीक समय पर आया-जाया करें और झांसी-मानिकपुर खण्ड में चलने वाली गाड़ियों से मेल लिया करें। चूंकि खतरे की जंजीर खींचने की बहुत अधिक घटनाओं के कारण लखनऊ-बांदा एक्सप्रेस और कानपुर-बांदा सवारी गाड़ियों के समय-पालन पर बहुत बुरा असर पड़ा है, M18LSS(CP)/68-7

इस लिए ऐसी घटनाओं को कम करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों और पुलिस प्राधिकारियों के परामर्श से विशेष उपाय किये जा रहे हैं।

LICENCE FOR IMPORT OF SULPHUR

4480. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently issued import licences to certain firms in Bombay for the import of sulphur, ammonia and phosphate to the tune of several crores of rupees ;

(b) whether complaints have been received in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) A statement of import licences issued for import of sulphur is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-515/68]. No licences have been issued for import of ammonia and phosphate to any Bombay firm.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

HASSAN-MANGALORE RAILWAY LINE

4481. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made and the amount spent on the construction of the Hassan-Mangalore railway line during 1967 ;

(b) the number of tunnels completed during the above period ; and

(c) the probable date of the completion of the line ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) A progress of 8% and 7.5% respectively was achieved on the Mangalore-Panambur link and the main line from Hassan to Mangalore during 1967. The expenditure incurred on the project during 1967-68 (upto February, 1968) is Rs. 96.49 lakhs.