

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected.

#### Containerised Freight Service

8264. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the extra income received from freight on the Northern Railways during the last 3 months as a consequence of its introducing containerised freight service and the extra expenditure incurred on its introduction during the above period ;

(b) whether this service is proposed to be introduced on other Railways also and if so, on which Railways and when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) As a result of introduction of container service between Delhi and Bombay, some high-rated traffic in cotton piece goods, soap, electrical appliances, etc., which was or would have otherwise moved by road, was diverted to rail and the additional income derived from freight on such traffic on the Northern Railway during January to March 1968, was about Rs. 1,01,775/-. The extra expenditure incurred on container service during this period by the Northern Railway was about Rs. 50,556/-.

(b) A container service is in operation on the Western Railway between Bombay and Ahmedabad from January, 1966. A container service is also operating between Gwalior and New Delhi from November, 1967. Market prospects are still being explored for the introduction of container services between pairs of important trade and industrial centres in the country wherever potential for such traffic exists.

(c) In view of answer to (b) above, the question does not arise.

#### Rourkela Steel Plant

8265. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have protested to the Central Government

against the appointment of the General Manager of the Rourkela Steel Plant ; and

(b) if so, Government reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

कोटा डिब्बीजन के रेलवे स्टेशनों पर लगाये गये विज्ञापन बोर्ड

8266. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरबा : क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कोटा डिब्बीजन के रेलवे स्टेशनों पर तथा उनकी सीमाओं में लगाये गये विज्ञापन बोर्डों से कितनी आय हो रही है ;

(ख) क्या विज्ञापन की वर्तमान दरें वही हैं जो आज से बीस साल पहले थीं अथवा बदल दी गई हैं ; और

(ग) परिवर्तित दरें किस-किस तारीख से लागू की गई थीं ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (श्री च० सु० पुनाचा) : (क) 1967-68 में 29,326.00 रुपये की आय हुई ।

(ख) जी नहीं, वर्तमान दरें लगभग 12 वर्ष पूर्व लागू की गयी थीं ।

(ग) पिछली बार दरें 4 जुलाई, 1955 को संशोधित की गयी थीं ।

#### Prices of Goods imported by S. T. C.

8267. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the imported items like Sulphur and Soyabean Oil, Nylon yarn through the State Trading Corporation have been offered in the market at considerably higher prices than those offered by other importers during the years 1966 and 1967 ;

(b) if so, what had been the maximum difference in the prices offered by the State