

after expiry of a period of 4 years. Such transfers are effected on the basis of annual review.

Mining Finance Corporation

2275. Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Mines** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the **Mineral Ores Export Advisory Committee** has recommended for the setting up of a **Mining Finance Corporation** for the development of mines;

(b) the other recommendations made by the Committee at its recent meeting; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) It is understood that a suggestion for the setting up of a **Mining Finance Corporation** etc. came up for general discussion at the last meeting of the **Mineral Ores Export Advisory Committee** held on 22-11-1965. However, a recommendation of the Committee in this regard has not yet been submitted to Government.

(b) The proceedings of the Committee containing other recommendations have also not been received by Government so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Pay Scale of Passenger Guides on the Railways

2276. Shri Kishen Pattnayak: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the present pay scale of the **Passenger Guides on the Various Railways;**

(b) whether there was a higher pay scale before 1955 and whether any appointments had been made prior to

1955 in the scale of Rs. 100 to Rs. 185 or Rs. 150 to Rs. 225; and

(c) if so, the reasons for lowering it and whether it has adversely affected the promotion position of the **Passenger Guides** appointed before 1955?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Smbhag Singh): (a) Rs. 110-4-150-EB-4-170-5-180-EB-5-200 (Authorised)/Rs. 60-150 (Prescribed).

(b) and (c). The scale Rs. 100-185 had been prescribed in the year 1948 when the scheme of recruiting **Social Guides** from **Social Service Organisations** to help third Class **Passengers** was introduced purely as an experimental measure. Since the working of the scheme by social workers did not bring in desired results, it was decided to re-designate the posts as '**Passengers Guides**' and to fill them from **Railway servants** having necessary railway background and scale of Rs. 60-150 was allotted to this category on the basis of worth of charge. The then existing social guides who were found fit and eligible were retained as **Passenger Guides** in prescribed scale of Rs. 60-150 but were allowed their higher grades as personal to them. Since February, 1962 they have been allowed seniority in their respective personal grades below **Ticket Collectors** in the same grades for the purpose of advancement. Thus their chances of promotion has not been affected adversely.

Passenger Guides in Khurda Division

2277. Shri Kishen Pattnayak: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the **Passenger Guides** in the **Khurda division** of the **South Eastern Railway** are not being allowed weekly holiday for the last nine years; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to pay them overtime allowance as compensation for the days they have worked extra?