

so far during the last five years in favour of the following firms :—

(i) Cementation Patel, Bombay, (ii) W. H. Brady and Co. Ltd. (iii) Orient General Industries Ltd., Bombay, (iv) Lellubhai Amin Chand (P) Ltd., Bombay, (v) Blundell Eomite Paints Ltd., Bombay, (vi) Assam Oil Co. Ltd., New Delhi, (vii) Rallis India Ltd., Bombay, and (viii) National Tobacco Co. of India Ltd., Calcutta ;

(b) whether these licences have been fully utilised by the above firms ; and

(c) if not, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Strike by Railway Staff at New Delhi Rly. Station

8911. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was lightning strike by the Railway staff at New Delhi Railway Station on the 10th April, 1968 ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the result of the inquiry ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). There was no strike, as such on 10.4.1968 by Railway Staff at New Delhi Railway Station. Following the alleged attack on a Railway employee by a Police constable, some of the staff came out to ventilate their grievances before the Railway and Police Officers and the Magistrate and consequently, there was some dislocation in the Booking and Reservation Offices for a shortwhile.

(c) The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, who was to conduct the inquiry, has not yet submitted his report,

#### Teleprinter Operators on Southern Railway

8912. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Teleprinter Operators are at present drawn from Signallers Cadre only ;

(b) whether there is a move to bring in employees of any other departments in that cadre after the introduction of microwave system on the Southern Railway ; and

(c) if so, how the existing operators will be absorbed vis-a-vis the aforesaid employees ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes ; for teleprinters on land line system only.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration of the Railway Administration.

#### Telegraph Peons on Southern Railway

8913. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the duties of Telegraph peons on the Southern Railway ;

(b) whether they are doing any other work apart from their duties such as sorting and filling of messages ;

(c) if so, whether there is a proposal to appoint Draftaries and record-sorters to do that work ;

(d) whether there is a proposal to promote Telegraph Peons to Class III in future ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). Delivery of messages. Also sorting and distribution of messages in the Head Quarters Telegraph Offices at Madras and Divisions.

(c) No.

(d) and (e). Peons attached to Telegraph Offices are eligible to be considered for promotion as Office Clerks against 25% of the vacancies in this cadre. There is no other proposal to promote them to Class III cadres.