

Coal Advisory Council

4890. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal Advisory Council has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the constitution of the new Committee and its tenure of office; and

(c) its powers and functions?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) The composition of the Council has been enlarged by inclusion of all the coal producing States and some more coal consuming States;

(b) The present composition of the Council is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6247/66]. The term of the Council has been extended for a further term of two years from March, 1966; and

(c) The functions of the Council are to advise Government in regard to all matters of general character relating to coal, and in particular to problems pertaining to planning for the development, utilisation and due conservation of the coal resources of the country.

Ticketless Travel

**4891. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sections of the South-Eastern Railway, where the largest number of ticketless travellers were detected during 1965-66; and

(b) the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Howrah-Kharagpur, Raipur-Kantabanji and Bilaspur-Anupur sections.

(b) Checks in the sections have been intensified.

Concentrated cross-country surprise checks, in which police force are also associated, are being conducted.

Thefts in Khadi Gramudyog Bhawan, Delhi

4892. Shri Lakshmu Bhawani: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of thefts committed during the period from April, 1955 to April, 1966 in Khadi Gramudyog Bhawan, New Delhi and the total amount involved in those thefts; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard and the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shaif Qureshi): (a) Total number of thefts during the period from April, 1955 to largest number of ticketless travel—April, 1966—Four. Total amount involved—Rs. 15,338.10.

(b) The cases were reported to the Police who made investigations. The stolen goods could not, however, be traced so far.

लखनऊ तथा वाराणसी के बीच रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बिजली

4893. श्री रणजय सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लखनऊ तथा वाराणसी के बीच मुख्य लाइन पर कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बिजली की व्यवस्था की गई है।

(ख) उक्त लाइन पर ऐसे स्टेशनों के नाम क्या हैं जहां शहरों प्रथवा कस्बों में बिजली है और इन स्टेशनों पर वह लगाई जा सकती है।

(ग) क्या उक्त लाइन पर प्रमेठी स्टेशन के निकट बिजली के खम्भे हैं परन्तु

इम स्टेशन पर बिजली की व्यवस्था नहीं की गई है; और

(घ) सरकार का इम स्टेशन पर कब बिजली लगाने का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) तैरह।

(ख) केवल घमेट्टी रेलवे स्टेशन ऐसा है जहाँ शहर के नजदीक बिजली उपलब्ध है ?

(ग) जी हाँ।

(घ) घमेट्टी स्टेशन पर 1-9-1966 तक या उससे पहले बिजली लगा दी जायेगी।

Freight Concession on Movement of Goods

4894. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to offer freight concessions for the movement of goods to scarcity areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of goods involved therein; and

(c) whether Government propose to offer special concessions on the movement of fodder and coal fuel to conserve cowdung used for fuel in rural areas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b) The Railways have agreed to provide free transport, by coaching/goods trains from the port of landing to the first destination, for gift consignments of milk powder, multi-vitamin tablets and medicines and vitamin biscuits being

donated to India by some Governments and voluntary organisations in foreign countries for free distribution in scarcity affected areas.

No other freight concession is contemplated.

(c) Special concessional rates for fodder are introduced by the Railway Administrations during periods of fodder scarcity at the request of the State Governments.

It is not proposed to make any reduction in the rates for coal as the existing rates are already very low.

Central Small Industries Organisation

4895. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of gazetted and non-gazetted Technical officers in the Central Small Industries Organisation;

(b) their distribution with reference to each State;

(c) whether the regional set-up has been revoked and if so, whether the concentration of Gazetted Officers continues in the offices; and

(d) whether dearth of Officers in certain States has resulted in the slow growth of small industries in those States?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) The number of Technical Gazetted Officers and Technical non-Gazetted Officers is 286 and 319 respectively.

(b) The required information is given below:—

SISIs including Extension Centres	No. of Tech. Gazetted Officers	No. of Tech. non-Gazetted Officers
Ahmedabad	13	14
Bangalore	12	14
Bombay	18	24
Calcutta	27	28