

Industrial Development of Orissa

**4936. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of the industrial development of Orissa State has been very slow and unsatisfactory; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). The pace of industrial development of any State or region is dependent upon a number of factors, including the efforts of the Government of India, the State Government, as well as of private parties. Every effort has been made by the Government of India to secure rapid and balanced industrial development of Orissa State, as well as of other States and regions in the country.

Passenger Fare and Goods Freight

4937. Shrimati Johrabai Chavda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger fare and goods freight is charged at 195 per cent on the 'Bhildi-Raniwara' section of the Northern Railway;

(b) whether there is a pressing public demand to decrease that freight so as to bring it in line with the other normally running railway routes; and

(c) when Government propose to take a decision to reduce the freight?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Passenger fares and goods freight on 'Bhildi-Raniwara' section of the Northern Railway are charged on the actual distance inflated by 90 per cent.

(b) Some representations requesting this were received.

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(c) It has been decided to remove the inflation in respect of coaching traffic and to reduce the inflation on goods traffic to half its present level i.e. to 45 per cent with effect from 1st August, 1966.

Artisan Staff on the Northern Railway

4938. Shri Omkar Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railway Administration has fixed 33 1/3 per cent quota of posts of Sub-Overseers Ministries Grade I for promotion in the Engineering Department for the Artisan staff;

(b) whether the promotion of artisan staff of the Delhi division has been made according to the above quota;

(c) whether direct recruits are being given preference for promotion by the Northern Railway Administration; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). No.

(d) Does not arise.

Transfer of Commercial Clerks on the Western Railway

4939. Shri Solanki: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commercial Clerks on the Western Railway are being transferred annually regardless of the availability of having accommodation at the place of transfer;

(b) how many such transfers took place in Baroda Division during 1965; and