

Export of Tea

728. Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Imbichibava:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea export from the Cochin Port sizeably increased during 1965;

(b) if so, the quantum of increase registered;

(c) whether Government propose to have a tea centre at Cochin; and

(d) if so, when it is going to be started and the main objectives thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):

(a) and (b). There was an increase in the exports of tea by about 11 million kilograms from the Cochin Port in 1965 compared to the exports in the previous year.

(c) and (d). Government has not received any proposal to open a Tea Centre at Cochin. In view, however, of the increasing number of foreign visitors, the Tea Board is considering measures to organise good quality tea service in Cochin.

Selections in the Jabalpur Division

729. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any assurance of employment for those who are selected by the Railway Service Commission;

(b) whether those selected by due process for the post of Guards or Assistant Station Masters in the Jabalpur Division of the Central Railway nearly two years ago have not been called up and the vacancies occurring during this interval have been filled up by departmental promotions; and

(c) what will be the fate of those who become over-age and are not

called up before the expiry of two years of their selection?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Once the candidature has been accepted, eligibility in respect of age is not required to be determined again at the time of actual appointment.

Drinking Water at Stations

730. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a glass of drinking water is sold for 3 paise at several railway stations on the North Eastern Railway;

(b) whether Government propose to make the drinking water available free of charge; and

(c) if so, when?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Diesel Rail Cars

731. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to run diesel rail cars in the suburbs of Madras city on Madras—Central—Arkonam and Madras—Central—Gudur sections to relieve congestion of passengers in those areas; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) and (b). There are no proposals to run diesel rail cars on Madras Central—Arkonam and Madras Central—Gudur sections to relieve congestion. There is some overcrowding on