

(d) No general allocation for Galvanised Corrugated Sheets has been made to Manipur State, or in fact to any other States since 1963-64 under the 'States Pooled Quota' due to heavy backlogs with the Main Producers. However, quota certificate for 2,500 tonnes of Black Corrugated Sheets have been issued during 1966-67 to Manipur State. Priority was also accorded for supply of 150 tonnes of Galvanised Corrugated Sheets to Manipur State against their outstanding on the Main Producers for the period October, 1965—March, 1966. Since Galvanised Corrugated Sheets are in serious short supply, it has been possible to meet only a fraction of the demand of the States. However Black Corrugated Sheets are released as and when it is possible to do so.

**Office of the Public Relations Officer,  
N. Railway**

**747. Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the office of the Public Relations Officer of the Northern Railway now and the expenditure incurred in this office for the years 1964 and 1965 and the sanctioned expenditure for 1966;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding the indifferent replies of even responsible officials of the section; and

(c) if so, the action taken and the steps the Ministry propose to take to streamline the whole machinery of the Public Relations Department to meet the increasing needs of the travelling public?

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

(a) The strength of the Public Relations Office including the Commercial publicity organisation of the Northern Railway is 85 which includes four officers.

The expenditure incurred in this office for 1964-65 and 1965-66 and the sanctioned expenditure for 1966-67 is as under:

1964-65 ..	Rs. 5,22,025.40
1965-66 ..	Rs. 6,15,425.83
Sanction for 1966-67 ..	Rs. 5,73,000.00

(b) There has been no complaint received of indifferent replies of officials in the Public Relations Office, Northern Railway. There have, however, been 4 complaints received since 1962 of unbusiness-like attitude on the part of the Assistant Officers in the Public Relations & Commercial Publicity branches of the Railway.

(c) Investigations held in these cases of complaints revealed that two of them were on minor issues arising out of a misunderstanding. The other two complaints are under investigation.

The importance of Public Relations Organisations on the Railways has been constantly kept in mind and the Railway Board has recently strengthened the Public Relations Offices by posting Senior officers at important railway headquarters.

**'C' Class Guards**

**748. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'C' Class Guards normally take 20 years or so to be promoted to a higher category and that their promotions to Gazetted posts are very few; and

(b) if so, the details of promotion channels in actual operation for Guards and the reasons for not revising them?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) It does not take 20 years normally for Guards 'C' for promotion to the next higher grade.

The Guards are not eligible for promotion to gazetted posts from their own line. They can seek promotion to gazetted posts through other transportation categories to which they have been provided with channel of promotion.

(b) The existing channel of promotion of Guards obtaining on the various Indian Railways is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6575/66]. The question of revising the same does not arise as they provide adequate chances of promotion to Guards in their own line and also in other operating categories. The question of laying an uniform channel for Guards on all the Indian Railways is under consideration.

#### दॉ ण कोरिया के साथ व्यापार

749. श्री बड़े :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत और दक्षिण कोरिया के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाने के लिये दोनों देशों के बीच कोई समझौता हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारत इस समझौते को कब तक कार्यरूप देगा ; और

(ग) इससे कितना लाभ होने की आशा है ।

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :

(क) से (ग). भारत और दक्षिण कोरिया के बीच 29 अप्रैल, 1964 को एक व्यापार करार हुआ था । यह अब भी लागू है । भारत तथा कोरिया गणतन्त्र के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाने संबंधी मामलों पर नई दिल्ली में 11 तथा 12 अप्रैल, 1966 को कोरिया गणतन्त्र से आये व्यापार शिष्टमण्डल के साथ

अनुवर्ती वार्ताएं भी हुईं । आशा है कि इन वार्ताओं के फलस्वरूप दोनों देशों के बीच काफी अधिक व्यापार बढ़ जायेगा । कोरिया गणतन्त्र के शिष्टमण्डल के साथ हुई वार्ताओं के संमत सारांश अभिलेख, जिस पर 12 अप्रैल, 1966 को हस्ताक्षर हुए थे, की एक प्रतिलिपि (अंग्रेजी में) सभा पटल पर रखी गया है । [पुस्तकालय में रखी गयी, देखिये संख्या एल० टी० 6576/66]

#### Industries in India by U.S. Firms

750. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four U.S. firms have entered into agreement to set up industries in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of those firms?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Use of Assam Coal in Steel Plants

751. **Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee of technical experts has been appointed to study the possibility of using Assam coal in public sector steel plants;

(b) whether a report has been submitted by the Committee; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir; the Committee is likely to take some time before it submits its report.

(c) Does not arise.