

5.1% and of salcable steel by 18.5%. The gross sales of the Company (excluding subsidiary and sales of Coal Washeries) went up from Rs. 243 crores in 1967-68 to Rs. 303 crores in 1968-69. In devising and implementing these measures, outside consultants were engaged only in specialised areas e. g., employment of the Consultancy and Applied Research Division of the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad to assist the Company in the revision of their production incentive schemes on a payment of about Rs. 2.5 lakhs per year and the National Productivity Council for study of maintenance organisation at Durgapur Steel Plant. Recently a report has been given by a German Team on the raw materials supplies for the Rourkela Steel Plant.

Promotion of Clerks Grade II in F. T. A. Office, Western Railway, Delhi

8520. SHRI JAMNA LAL :
SHRI ISHAQ SAMHBHALI :
SHRI RAM CHARAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Foreign Traffic Accounts Office of the Western Railway at Delhi some of the Clerks Grade II holding lien in the Central Railway have been given promotion;

(b) if so, the number thereof, giving complete details of the Clerks so promoted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railway Board have already decided in a similar case that the rightful person should be promoted and given the benefit of proforma fixation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the staff working in the Foreign Traffic Accounts have been ignored and have not been given the benefits as per the Railway Board decision; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of Signallers on Northern Railway

8521. SHRI TULSIDAS DASAPPA :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of Signallers on the Northern Railway for the last five years; and

(b) if so, what effective measures are proposed to be taken to fill up the vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) (a) No; there are only a small number of vacancies in the cadre.

(b) Arrangements are under way to fill the vacant posts.

M/s Bharat Carpets Limited, New Delhi and Faridabad

8522. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Company Affairs Department has at any time carried out the inspection of the accounts books of M/s Bharat Carpets Ltd.; New Delhi and Faridabad;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that in order to cover up its various irregular activities, these firms have been deliberately employing and sacking lot of their employees very frequently at their Faridabad factory; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken or already taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Messrs Bharat Carpets Limited was registered as a public company on 28-10-1965. No adverse report about this company has been received.