

Painj region, Madurai district, Salem district. More detailed prospecting was carried out in Shevaroy region in Salem district. It was found that the reserves of superior grade bauxite containing 44 to 48 per cent alumina may be estimated at 0.6 million tonnes.

(b) Madras Aluminium Company hold a mining lease over these deposits. The Company has already taken up the requisite development work to meet the requirements of their aluminium smelter at Mettur.

#### Surplus Railway Employees

1833. **Shri Krishnapal Singh;**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah;**  
**Shri Maheswar Naik;**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath;**  
**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy;**  
**Shri Hem Barua;**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 900,000 out of 1.4 million employees of the Railways are redundant;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the employees through some phased programme; and

(c) if so, the broad details thereof?

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

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

#### Deputy District Controller of Stores in Northern Railway

1834. **Shri Rajdeo Singh;**  
**Shri Dhuleshwar Meena;**  
**Shri Daljit Singh;**  
**Shri Vishram Prasad;**  
**Shri Ramapathi Rao;**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4111 on the 2nd September, 1966 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Dy. C.O.S. (M) and D.C.O.S. (II) of the Northern Railway have also been charged with corruption;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned officers have been working in the Northern Railway Headquarters Office for more than three years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) There is no charge of corruption against the present Dy. C.O.S. (M) of the Northern Railway.

There were certain allegations against the present D.C.O.S.(II) of the Northern Railway.

(b) The present Dy. C.O.S.(M) has been working on the Northern Railway Headquarters for over three years.

The D.C.O.S.(II) has been holding that post in the Headquarters Office of the Northern Railway for less than three years.

(c) The administrative posts in the Stores Department are headquartered in the Zonal Railway Headquarters only and the Officers have, therefore, to stay in the same station as long as they remain on that Railway.

As regards the D.C.O.S.(II) orders have been issued for his transfer out of the Northern Railway.

#### Drive Towards Self-reliance

1835. **Shri Dighe;**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 657 on the 29th July, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the investment programme in the industrial sector in the Fourth Plan period has been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, with what result?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) and (b). The investment programme in the industrial sector in the Fourth Plan period is indicated in the Draft Outline of the