

(b) Overall shortage of diesel locomotives which are more urgently required for movement of essential goods traffic over congested sections.

Closure of Unremunerative Railway Lines

5620. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the reports of the State Governments and Union Territory Governments have been received on the proposal for the closure of unremunerative Railway lines ; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) It was in respect of fourteen unremunerative lines that we wrote to the State Governments and one Union Territory Government. Replies have been received so far in respect of 11 out of the 14 lines.

(b) Copies of the replies received from the State Governments and the Union Territory Government are laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-646/69*]

Demonstration by Staff of Traffic Accounts Office, Northern Railway Delhi

5621. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of the Traffic Accounts Office of the Northern

Railway, Delhi is demonstrating daily ; and

(b) if so, the demands of the employees and steps taken by Government to ameliorate their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, since 25.2.69.

(b) The demand of the employees is that while working out the quota of 25% of vacancies of clerks Grade I for the purpose of promotion of un-qualified clerks Grade II, the vacancies of short term duration may also be taken to account. Their demand is being looked into.

Clerks Grade I and Sub-Heads in Railway Traffic Accounts of the Western Railway

5622. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :
SHRI P. GOPALAN ;
SHRI GANESH GHOSH ;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the numbers of Clerks Grade I and Sub-heads who were sanctioned leave for more than 30 days since the 1st April 1968 to-date in the Traffic Accounts Office of the Western Railway, Ajmer and the Headquarters, Seniority Unit, Bombay ; and

(b) the number of staff promoted to the posts of Clerk Grade I and Sub-heads against these vacancies in the above two units separately ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information is given in the statement attached.

Statement

PART (A).

Seniority Unit	Number of persons sanctioned more than 30 days leave since 1.4.1968.	
	Sub heads	Clerks Grade I
(a) Traffic Accounts Office, Ajmer.	13	25
(b) Head Quarters Seniority Unit, Bombay.	15	34

PART (B).

All the vacancies in the categories of Sub-heads and Clerks Grade I arising out of staff proceeding on leave for more than 30 days were filled up to the extent possible either by continuing the staff already promoted or by fresh promotions from eligible staff in accordance with their seniority, as follows :

Seniority Unit	Category of staff.	No. of vacancies filled by continuing the staff already promoted.	No. of vacancies filled by fresh promotions.	No. of vacancies not filled in.
(1) Traffic Accounts office, Ajmer.	Sub-Heads Clerk Grade I	5 20	8 5	— —
(2) Head quarters Seniority Unit, Bombay.	Sub-Heads Clerk Grade 1	11 —	4 7	— 27

Tribal Cultural Research Institutes

5623. SHRI P. R. THAKUR : Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1577 on the 29th July, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the requisite information regarding the Tribal/Cultural Research Institutes/Bureaus has since collected ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-647/69*]

New Cement Factory in Orissa

5624. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish a new cement factory in Orissa during the year 1969-70 ;

(b) if so, the site selected for the same ; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

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

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

Idle capacity of Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

5625. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI R. K. BIRLA :
SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, in order to utilise its idle capacity, plans to diversify capacity to produce, among other new items, tractors ;

(b) if so, the details of the diversification plan and the cost thereof and the extent and particulars of the new items to be manufactured by each unit of the Hindustan Machine Tools ; and

(c) by what time the diversification work will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes.