

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दक्षिण बिहार विशेषतया टाटानगर, रांची, राउरकेला, तथा बोकारो से सैकड़ों श्रमिक प्रतिदिन उत्तर बिहार, उत्तर प्रदेश तथा पंजाब आने जाते हैं और तेज चलने वाली गाड़ियां न होने के कारण लम्बी यात्रा में उनकी छुट्टी के कई दिन नष्ट हो जाते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार फिलहाल टाटानगर से मुगलसराय तथा मुगलसराय से टाटानगर तक द्रुतगामी "वर्कर्स एक्सप्रेस" चलाने और इस गाड़ी के साथ समस्तीपुर, पटना, लखनऊ, भ्रमृतसर तथा दिल्ली के लिये प्रथम डिब्बे लगाने का विचार है ताकि यह डिब्बे पटना तथा समस्तीपुर के लिये गया पर और लखनऊ, भ्रमृतसर तथा दिल्ली के लिये डिब्बे मुगलसराय पर हटाये जा सकें और उसके बाद सम्बन्धित यात्री गाड़ियों तथा डाक गाड़ियों के साथ जोड़े जा सकें ताकि उन श्रमिकों का अपने काम के स्थान पर जाने में कम से कम समय लगे ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) :

(क) और (ख). टाटानगर, रांची और पटना के बीच मीथी तेज गाड़ियां और उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तरी बिहार और पंजाब के स्टेशनों में राउरकेला आने जाने के लिए मेल लेने वाली गाड़ियां भी उपलब्ध हैं। इनके अलावा टाटानगर/रांची और दिल्ली तथा टाटानगर और समस्तीपुर के बीच मीथी डिब्बे भी चलाये जाते हैं। 'उपयुक्त व्यवस्था से इन मार्गों पर वर्तमान यातायात की जरूरतें प्रायः सन्तोषजनक रूप में पूरी हो जाती हैं। यातायात की दृष्टि से प्रौचित्य के अलावा टाटानगर और मुगलसराय के बीच गाड़ी चलाना इसलिए भी व्यावहारिक नहीं है कि मार्ग में लाइन-अमना और चलस्टाक आदि आवश्यक साधनों की कमी है।

Revised Scales in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

97. SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :
SHRI UMANATH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi has revised the Class I scale of Rs. 400-950 to Rs. 400-570-EB-700-1100;

(b) if so, whether all those who were in the scale of Rs. 400-950 have been given the revised grade;

(c) if not, who are not given revised grade; and

(d) the reasons for this discrimination ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) The scale of pay of the post of the Assistant Engineers of Heavy Engineering Corporation was revised from Rs. 400-950/- to Rs. 400-1100/- with effect from 1st May, 1968.

(b) and (c). Since the Corporation has revised the scale of pay of only Assistant Engineers, other categories of persons in the scale of Rs. 400-950/- have not been given the extended scale of Rs. 400-1100/-.

(d) There has been no discrimination. A Committee was constituted by the management to look into the grievances of the Assistant Engineers only and the pay scale was revised on the basis of the recommendation made by the Committee.

Asian Trade Ministers, Conference

98. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :
SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he visited Bangkok sometime in December, 1968 to lead the Indian Delegation to the Third Asian Trade Ministers' Conference;

(b) if so, the names of members of the delegation;

(c) the subjects discussed in the conference and the outcome thereof;

(d) the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether any trade agreement was concluded; and

(f) if so, the likely earning of foreign exchange thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the members of the Indian Delegation are as follows :—

1. Shri K. B. Lal, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
2. Shri K. R. Narayanan, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Bangkok.
3. Shri B. D. Jayal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
4. Shri K. R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.
5. Shri J. L. Malhautra, Counsellor and Permanent Representative of India to ECAFE, Embassy of India, Bangkok.
6. Shri K. G. Vaidya, Director, Ministry of Commerce.
7. Shri A. S. Sethi, Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
8. Shri K. S. Ramanathan, Information Officer attached to the Ministry of Commerce.

(c) The Conference reviewed the progress on the recommendations of the First and Second Ministerial Conferences, considered the action programmes for further co-operation in selected fields and discussed the strategy for integrated development of regional co-operation in Asia.

The most important outcome of the Conference was the adoption of a Resolution on

Strategy of Integrated Regional Co-operation deciding inter-alia to set up a Council of Ministers of the ECAFE region to adopt and implement specific programmes and projects of economic co-operation in the field of trade including regional preferences, investments transport and communications etc.

(d) Government of India welcome the decision and intends to play its due role in the Council of Ministers.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. A Trade Agreement with Thailand was concluded on the 13th December, 1968. This is likely to assist in the expansion of Indo-Thai trade.

Second Industrial Estate at Bangalore

99. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Government have submitted a proposal to start a second industrial estate on the outskirts of Bangalore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 85 applications are pending with Government from the anxious entrepreneurs for the last several years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Director, Indian Standards Institution

100. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the speech delivered by