SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajdhani Express does not have airconditioned coach for the staff who look after the passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that their allowance is only Rs. 8 for journey to and fro; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to raise the allowance of the staff which is rather inadequate ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) The catering staff on Rajdhani Express are provided with accommodation in the airconditioned pantry car. Some other staff are provided accommodation in the airconditioned chair cars. Only a few staff travel in non-airconditioned portion of the train to meet the needs of their duties.

(b) No fixed allowance is paid to the staff. They are paid the prescribed daily allawance under the normal rules appropriate to their pay except in the case of catering staff who are paid daily allowance at 50% of the usual rates and free food while on the run as in the case of staff provided on Dining Cars of other trains.

(c) As the daily allowance as generally admissible is already being paid the question of raising the rate does not arise.

Loss to Railway Property due to Anti-Social Activities of Naxalties

2140. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : SHRI R. K. AMIN : SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA : SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : SHRI P. K. DEO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several Railway Stations were attacked in West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and other places by the extremists and Naxalties recently;

(b) the details of total losses to Railway property as a result of anti-social activities of these extremists during the last two... months; and

(c) what action. if any, has been taken by the Railway Administration with or without the help of the Home Ministry and the State Governments to protect the Railway property ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No.

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

Conference of Railway Chief Engineers

2141. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE ; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineers af all the Railways had a conference with the Railway Board in Delbi in the month of May, 1969;

(b) if so, whether they discussed maintenanace of modern track for higher speed for trains; and

(c) if so, the decisions taken in this Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes,

(c) No decisions are taken at such conferences. These meetings are mainly held to discuss in detail and to obtain the views of the senior officers with the object of arriving at a general consensus on various subjects which enables the Board to take suitable decisions on subjects discussed in these conferences.

Setting up of Industries in U.P. during Fourth Plan

2142. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :

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

(a) whether some more new industries are likely to be set up in U.P. during the Fourth Five Year Plan;