

Danapur has again issued orders for the transfer of Guards of Danapur Division even though the previous transfer orders in respect of 5 Guards of Gaya issued by him were set aside by the higher authorities :

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has issued further orders of mass transfers of Guards without prior concurrence of the authorities ;

(c) whether it is further a fact that there is great resentment amongst the Guards of the Danapur Division due to the action of the Divisional Superintendent and this has created a situation by which train services are likely to suffer ; and

(d) if so, the action taken to cancel the mass transfer orders of Guards in the Danapur Division to avoid further deterioration in the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) to (d). There were representations regarding the transfer of 5 guards in connection with the introduction of crack pattern of working for guards between Gaya and Moghalsarai. These transfers were in abeyance pending an examination of the question of overhours consequent on the introduction of the new pattern of working.

There was also representations regarding certain transfers of guards which had subsequently been issued.

It has now been ascertained that the entire "crack operation" had been planned in such a way that the total hours of duty did not exceed 14 hours which is the prescribed limit and the guards are now being required to work on single leg operation only which is within the permissible hours of duty. Of the transfer of guards ordered, those from Gaya to Moghalsarai have been cancelled and the rest have been sustained, as they were not in connection with the introduction of the crack pattern of operation but in the normal exigencies of service.

Programme for Raising Productivity Level

3206. **SHRI MAYAVAN :**
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU :
SHRI SAMINATHAN :
SHRI DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL

DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a massive nation-wide programme for raising the productivity level will be launched by the National Productivity Council during 1970 which is being celebrated as the Asian Productive Year ;

(b) if so, what are the main objects of the Asian Productive Year ; and

(c) how many countries will be participating in this celebration ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The Asian Productivity Organisation of which India is a member, decided to observe 1970 as Asian Productivity Year and advised the member countries to organise programmes to celebrate the occasion with the following as the objectives of the Asian Productivity Year :—

- (1) To achieve greater prosperity through productivity ;
- (2) To increase consciousness of productivity ; and
- (3) To intensify productivity action for accelerating economic growth.

The principal motto is PROSPERITY THROUGH PRODUCTIVITY and the theme is QUALITY RELIABILITY. India is celebrating the occasion through its National Productivity Council by organising suitable programmes at national, regional and local levels. Other member countries, namely, Ceylon, Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and the Republic of Vietnam, are also expected to celebrate the year by organising similar programmes in their respective countries.

Expansion of Fair Price Shops to Check Rising Trend of Prices

3207. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :**
 Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before