

to appoint a steering committee consisting Members of Parliament to assist his Ministry in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI M. YUNUS SALEEM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Maintenance and Repair of Diesel Oil Engines

10261. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inefficiency and negligence on the part of the Railway Officers in charge of workshops manufacturing locomotives, a large number of Diesel Oil Engines have gone out of order and these are also not being maintained or repaired properly ; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against the concerned Officers and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Tyres and Tubes

10262. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last three years due to inefficiency and dishonesty of industrialists, the poor people, who constitute 80 per cent, of the whole population, suffered miserably due to shortage of tyres and tubes in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was collusion between Officers and industrialists ; and

(c) whether any criminal case or cases were registered in this period against any Officers or industrialists and, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Government are not aware, Sir.

(b) and (c). No such case has come to our notice, however, information from the State Govts., if any is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representation by Citizen's Committee, Ullal Re: Repairs of Mangalore Ullal Railway Bridge

10263. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken on the representation sent to him by the Citizen's Committee, Ullal that the pedestrian foot-path on the Mangalore Ullal Railway Bridge, used by 4000 workers, school children and vegetable vendors is in a dangerous condition due to the failure of the Railway authorities to replace missing sleepers and to undertake other repairs ;

(b) how many sleepers are missing or damaged and when was the last repair of the bridge done ;

(c) what is the cost of these repairs, which are delayed ; and

(d) when they would be completed so that further danger and inconvenience to the public is stopped ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) and (b). The Foot-path has been examined. No sleepers are missing. Out of 3,000 sleepers, about 50 which are worn out are being replaced. Last major repairs on the railway bridge was done in May, 1968 and minor repairs during January, 1969.

(c) Approximate cost of repairs is about Rs. 1500.

(d) The work of repairs already undertaken is likely to be completed by the end of May, 1970.

Companies Dealing in Both Spare Parts for Tractors and Textile Trade

10264. SHRI KAMALANATHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and addresses of proprie-

tors/partners of M/s Eastern Associates, M/s Krishna and Co., M/s S. & S. and S. N. Goenka & Co. ; and

(b) whether any of these Companies which are dealing in spare parts of tractors are also dealing in textile trade ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). According to the information available none of the names mentioned are companies registered under the Companies Act. The information sought, therefore, is not available in the Department of Company Affairs.

**Improvement in Railway School at
Khurda Road (South Eastern
Railway)**

10265. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Administration has looked into the condition of the Railway School at Khurda Road, where the children are now sitting in an open verandah exposed to scorching sun and rain ; and

(b) whether Government would direct the Administration to take suitable measures for improving this School and for covering the verandah ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Due to temporary shortage of furniture as a result of their being broken or damaged, some students of the Railway Upper Primary School at Khurda Road have to sit on the floor inside the school rooms but not in an open verandah

(b) Arrangements have been made to provide adequate furniture.

**Promotion to the Posts of Works
Mistries on Western Railway
and Avenues of Promotion
of Dressers, Grade II**

10266. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Western Railway, the eligible rankers are even denied

promotions to the posts of Works Mistries (Sub-Overseer Grade I) scale Rs. 150-240 (A) ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) how far it is justified in the case of Dressers Grade II scale Rs. 80-110(A) on the Railways for whom only 20 per cent of the posts in the higher Grade of Rs. 105-135 (A) as Dresser Grade I are provided ; and

(d) the steps taken to provide more higher Grade posts in the scale of Rs. 105-135(A) for the benefit of Dressers Grade II ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The percentage distribution of posts of Dressers in two grades viz. Rs. 80-110 and Rs. 105-135 is based on the specific recommendations of the Second Pay Commission. Government have recently appointed a new Pay Commission to review the emoluments and service conditions of all Central Government Employees including Railways Employees. It is, therefore, not considered appropriate at this stage to consider any change in the existing position of individual categories.

**Railway Primary School with Hindi
Medium at Dahod Freelandgunj
Railway Colony**

10267. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the provision of a full-fledged Railway Primary School with Hindi medium is not necessary for the children of Railway employees who are hailing from the Hindi speaking States and are more than 40 per cent of the total employees at Dahod, Freelandgunj Railway Colony ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : No, as adequate schooling facilities in Hindi medium are already available at Dahod.

**Under-Utilisation of Capacity to Produce
Tinplates at Rourkela**

10268. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on account