

the total production. The Committee are continuously looking into the problems relating to shortages and increase in prices, through discussions with the Joint Committee of the paper industry. Further, in order to meet the situation a Crash Programme to augment the production of existing units has been organised. The *Ad hoc* Committee is also trying to discipline the production pattern, prices and distribution of paper.

**Persons given Free Passes to Travel on Indian Railways**

4673. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and addresses of the persons who have been given three first class free passes on the Railways to travel anywhere in India ;

(b) the reasons for giving these free passes to the aforesaid persons ;

(c) the names and addresses of persons who have been given free Air conditioned passes ; and

(d) the total number of persons who have been given free second and third class passes by the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) No person has been given three I Class All India complimentary passes.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kaka Saheb Kalelkar, Rajghat, New Delhi is the only person who has been given Ist Class with authority to travel in A. C. C.

(d) II Class .. 7  
III Class .. 11

**Utilisation of Services of Sadhus to Check Pilferage of Wagons at some Stations**

4674. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

had taken the services of Sadhus to check pilferage of wagons at some stations ;

(b) if so, the number of such persons and the names of the stations ; and

(c) how much money has been spent so far on these Sadhus and what is the effect of this on pilferage of wagons after their employment ?

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

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

**Decision taken at the Conference of General Managers of Zonal Railways**

4675. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of General Managers of Railways took place recently to study problems of the Railway trains and employees ;

(b) whether some recommendations have been made to improve travel by Railway trains especially for the III class passengers and if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the main recommendations of the Conference and decisions taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes. A meeting of the General Managers with the Railway Board was held on 26th, 27th and 28th November '70.

(b) and (c). The discussions generally covered matter of policy as well as those relating to the day-to-day functioning of the Railways. The specific subjects discussed are indicated in the statement attached.

Such meetings provide an opportunity to the General Managers to exchange ideas among themselves and with the Members of the Railway Board. The chief objective is to bring about increased efficiency and this is pursued by the General Managers in the light of discussions at the meeting, with due regard to local conditions.

## STATEMENT

*Subjects discussed in the meeting of General Managers with the Railway Board*

1. 11—Point Programme, with particular referenees to Fuel economy.
2. (a) Review of Operating performance :
  - (i) Loading.
  - (ii) Interchange.
  - (iii) Transhipment.
- (b) Punctuality of passenger-carrying trains.
3. Compensation Claims.
4. Ways and means of attracting more high-rated traffic to the Railways.
5. Ticketless travel.
6. Maximising earnings from commercial publicity on Railways.
7. Measures to be adopted for economy in expenditure.
8. Revised traffic targets for the Fourth Plan—Review of investments.
9. Long-term Corporation Plan for the Railways.
10. Acute shortage of steel.
11. Proposal to reduce the weekly hours of employment of the Loko Shed Staff classified as 'Essentially Intermittent' under the Hours of Employment Regulations from 75 to 48 with split shift duty rosters and when necessary, pay such staff O/T at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the normal rate of pay beyond 48 hours each week.
12. Percentage of ineffective coaching stock.
13. Inaccuracies in the statistics compiled by the Railways.
14. Statistical appraisal of Marketing and Sales activities in Railway Zones and Divisions.
15. Difficult supply position of Track materials.

**Request from State Government for Supply of Power to Run Electric Trains**

4676. SHRI SHANKARRAO MANE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to run more electric trains in the country ;

(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the State Governments with regard to the Supply of power to run the electric trains ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). In addition to the electrification of Kanpur-Tundla section, which is already in progress and where U. P. State Electricity Board is to supply power for electric traction, the following schemes are also either approved or being considered for inclusion in the 4th Five Year Plan. The respective State Electricity Boards as indicated below, have assured of the availability of adequate electric power, as and when they are brought under electric traction :

| Name of Scheme   | Name of State Electricity Board which is to supply power         |  |
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| Already approved | 1. Virar-Sabarmati<br>2. Panchkura-Haldia<br>3. Waltair-Kirandul | Maharashtra and Gujarat State Electricity Boards.<br>West Bengal State Electricity Board.<br>Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa State Electricity Boards. |
|                  | 4. Tundla—Delhi  | Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board.   |
|                  | 5. Madras-Vijaywada  | Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Boards.  |