

(c) There has been a shortfall in the production of these categories compared to the increase in demand.

(d) and (e). Such plates are reported to be available in the open market. Limited supplies are made to traders by the Steel Plants and their stockyards. Government have taken additional steps to reduce the possibility of such materials supplied to actual users finding their way to the open market.

Absorption of Retrenched Workers of Andul-Calcutta Link Project on Bangaon-Barasat Doubling Scheme

4756. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Railway administration has decided to start the construction work of Bangaon-Barasat Doubling scheme immediately ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to absorb the retrenched workers of Andul-Calcutta Chord Link Project in this work ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Clarification of Duties of Teleprinter Operators on Southern Railway

4757. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on all Zonal Railways except on Southern Railway; the messages received on Teleprinters are numbered and dealt with by separate staff (Signallers/Senior Signallers on table duties) ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the Southern Railway alone, the Teleprinter Operators are made to number and register (TC numbering and registering in TC number book) the messages received by them which is not done by the Teleprinter Operators in other Zonal Railways ;

(c) if so, whether suitable instructions are proposed to be issued to the Southern Railway in this regard ; and

(d) if not, whether the duties of the Teleprinter Operators on Southern Railway will be classified as intensive ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vacant Posts of Senior Wireless Operators/Wireless Traffic Supervisors (Southern Railway)

4758. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some posts of Senior Wireless Operators/Wireless Traffic Supervisors in the scale of Rs. 210-380 have remained still unfilled since a long time on the Southern Railway ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Inferior Quality of Tea served at Delhi and New Delhi Stations

4759. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that tea sold by vendors at New Delhi and Delhi stations is of very inferior quality and is just hot water without other ingredients of tea ; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) It is not a fact that tea sold at New Delhi and Delhi stations is of very inferior quality. This is evident from the fact that only one complaint of bad quality tea being sold at Delhi main station has been