

received by the Railway Administration during the period from 1-1-1970 to 15-11-1970.

(b) On this sole complaint the vendor found at fault was suitably taken up. Surprise inspections are being made regularly to ensure good quality of tea being sold at Delhi and New Delhi stations.

Electric Train from Delhi to Nagpur

4760. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to run electric train from Delhi to Nagpur ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification Projects require very large initial investment including substantial foreign exchange and are justified only on sections carrying high densities of traffic which cannot be managed by steam traction due to grades etc. and where the alternative of electrification is cheaper than dieselisation. Ways and Means position regarding funds and foreign exchange being limited, execution of electrification works has necessarily to be suitably phased. As per current indications, electrification of Delhi-Nagpur (route kms. 1094) which would entail huge initial investment of funds and foreign exchange may not come up for consideration in the near future.

Shortage of Printing Paper

4761. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of printing paper for the text-books and as a result thereof serious shortage of text-books is feared ; ?

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortage of paper ; and

(c) the steps being taken to overcome the shortage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) to (c). A certain scarcity does exist in respect of writing and printing paper. The paper Mills manufacturing these papers are reported to be producing in substances of 60 gsm. and above whereas papers of 56 gsm. are generally used in the production of exercise-books and text-books. The Ad hoc Committee on Paper constituted by the Government are looking into the problems of developing shortages of writing and printing papers in particular and have, through discussions with the Joint Committee of the paper industry, arranged for production and supply of an additional quantity of 15000 tonnes of writing and printing paper in substance of 56 gsm. during May to July, 1970. Further, in order to meet the situation a Crash Programme to augment the production of existing units has been organised. Licences for expansion of existing capacities have also been granted. New capacities both in public and private sectors have been approved. The Ad hoc Committee on paper industry is also trying to discipline the production pattern, prices and distribution of paper.

रेलवे द्वारा संचालित स्कूलों में शिक्षा पर व्यय

4762. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे स्कूलों में किया जाने वाला प्रति छात्र व्यय अन्य सरकारी स्कूलों की तुलना में अधिक है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेलवे स्कूलों में प्रति छात्र कितना अतिरिक्त व्यय किया जाता है ;

(ग) सभी रेलवे स्कूलों में व्यय भिन्नता के कारण अनुमानतः कुल कितना अधिक व्यय होता है ; और