

[श्री० मधु दण्डवते]

नहीं हुए और जॉर्ज फर्नाण्डिस साहब ने जो टोटल फीयर्स दिये हैं, उन का बैंक धूप में रेलवे मंत्री की हस्तियत स यहाँ पर देना चाहता हूँ।

Selection Grade for Class IV employees, 50,000 posts, for the first time in 125 years Rs. 1.50 crores; restructuring of Class III posts, 41,000 posts Rs. 10.5 crores; revision of incentive bonus rates for workshop staff Rs. 10 crores; revision of running allowance for loco staff from 25 per cent to 40 per cent Rs. 14 crores; sanction of 2,700 posts for implementation of 10-hour rule for loco staff, which was violated by the previous Government, Rs. 23 crores; sanction of 10,000 additional posts for implementation of Miabhoj Award Rs. 8 crores carriage and wagon staff, upgradation of posts in ratio of 50:10:40. Rs. 6 crores, Railway workers' Classification Tribunals' Interim Report, Benefit to Artisan Staff, Rs. 10 crores Absorption of commissioned bearers as regular employees (1,012 posts) Rs. 0.3 crores; adjustment of 1974 strike absence against leave due Rs. 6 crores; 40 per cent promotion quota for Class II officers instead of 33 1/3 per cent; all temporary officers confirmed; Cadre review for Class I undertaken; dearness allowance three additional instalments; recently another instalment has been sanctioned the cost is Rs. 66 crores; Special Grant for Staff amenities Rs. 15 crores; revision of night duty allowance rates Rs. 6.8 crores; increase in rates of payment for work on National Holidays Rs. 1.23 crores; Upgradation of 7,000 Class III posts Rs. 1.75 crores.

एक खुशी की खबर मैं और देना चाहता हूँ। 90 साल पहले शिकागो में मजदूरों का एक जुलूम निकला था कि 8 घंटे से ज्यादा काम नहीं लेना चाहिए, नौ उम्र बबल उन पर गोलि चली थी और उन के खून से एक नया इतिहास बना और सारी दुनिया के मजदूर बन्तारों ने कहा था 1 मई को कि 8 घंटे का दिन शुरू करें, 8 घंटे की इयूटी करो और इसी 1 मई को अहमदाबाद में सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस का उदघाटन करते हुए, मैंने जोषणा की थी कि सब से निम्न श्रेणी का जो गैरकर्मचारी, जिन की सादाव 2 लाख 12 हजार है, उन के लिए 1 मई से 8 घंटे का दिन रहेगा।

13.34 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

NINETEENTH REPORT

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar): I beg to present the Nineteenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Papers laid on the Table.

STATEMENT RE. REDUCTION IN PRICES OF COTTON CLOTH AND COTTON YARN

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Sir, Government has been viewing with concern the trend of rising prices of cotton cloth and yarn in recent months, particularly in the context of the falling prices of cotton. This was first brought to the notice of the industry which in its defence pointed out that while cotton prices have, no doubt, fallen, costs of other inputs like wages, dyes and chemicals, fuel and other overheads have been increasing at the same time, which has made up for the fall in prices of cotton. The industry also drew Government's attention to the power cuts which have been imposed in various parts of the country and wage increases which have been negotiated in some major textile concentrations.

Claims of the industry were cross-checked with the experience in the National Textile Corporation and it was found that the escalation in prices was not justified by any means, I, therefore, held discussions with representatives of the textile industry in a meeting convened by me in Bombay on 10th March 1979. I urged upon the industry that they should take immediate steps for bringing down the prices of cotton cloth and cotton yarn.

Consequent upon this meeting, the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation res-