

(c). Government have, to begin with, decided to set up two Tripartite Task Forces for (i) power; and (ii) ports and docks, to deal with aspects relating to production, productivity and shop-floor practices. The proposed composition

of the Tripartite Task Force for the ports and docks is given in the Statement. Action for constitution of the task force for power has been initiated.

Statement

Proposed composition of the Tripartite task Force for the Ports and Docks

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| 1. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping & Transport. | Chairman |
| 2. Joint Secretary (Labour) Ministry of Shipping & Transport. | Secretary |
| 3. Development Adviser (Ports), Ministry of Shipping & Transport. | Member |
| 4. Adviser (Ports Operation), Indian Ports Association. | Member |
| 5. Representative of Department of Customs | Member |
| 6. A representative each from Food Corporation of India, Indian National Shipowners Association, Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation, Steel Authority of India Ltd., and Oil Industry. | Member |
| 7. Two representatives of Shippers | Members |
| 8. One representative each from five Federations of Ports and Dock Workers, viz. (1) All India Port & Dock Workers' Federation, (2) Indian National Port & Dock Workers' Federation, (3) Port Dock & Waterfront Workers' Federation of India, (4) Water Transport Workers' Federation of India, and (5) All India Port & Dock Workers' Federation (Workers). | Member |

Hardship to onion traders due to shortage of wagons

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CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of wagons and non-clearance of the ready purchased stock was causing great loss and hardship to the producers and traders of onions; and

(b) what measures are proposed in future to avoid the recurrence of such a situation by the Railways and the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED)?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) No.

During November 1980 to January 1981, a total of 2,561 broad gauge and 455 metre gauge wagons were loaded with onions as against 380 broad gauge and 64 metregauge wagons loaded during November 1979 to January 1980.

(b) The Railways have geared their resources to meet the increased demand of onions satisfactorily. Higher priority (Class 'C') has been given for movement of this traffic when programmed and sponsored by the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED) or other Co-operative Societies like the Maharashtra State Co-operative Marketing Federation who are purchasing onions on behalf of the Central or State Governments under the price Support Scheme.