

**Unemployment among Indian Seamen**

\*791. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the job availability to Indian seamen in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received a memorandum on the subject

from the National Union of seafarers of India; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Figures of jobs in relation to registered seamen for the last three years at the ports of Bombay and Calcutta are indicated below:—

As on	Bombay		Calcutta	
	No. of jobs available	No. of registered seamen	No. of jobs available	No. of registered seamen
1-1-78 . . . . .	16605	28037	6335	11,156
1-1-79 . . . . .	16962	27663	5503	11,101
1-1-80 . . . . .	16668	26900	4996	10,845

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A proposal to appoint an expert committee to study the question of Unemployment among Indian seamen is under consideration.

**Cochin-Madurai Line**

\*792. SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people of Kerala are demanding a railway link between Cochin and Madurai; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). A number of representations have been received for the

construction of a railwayline from Cochin to Madurai. It has not been possible to take up this project due to limited availability of funds.

**परिवार नियोजन के लिए विज्ञापनों का दिया जाना**

\*793. श्री निहाल सिंह: क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विज्ञापन तथा दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय द्वारा परिवार नियोजन के लिये रिलीज किये जाने वाले विज्ञापन केवल अंग्रेजी के दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में ही प्रकाशित होते हैं ;

(ख) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्थानीय समाचारपत्रों में उक्त विज्ञापन न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम का लक्ष्य निर्धारित करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?