

Increase in Railway Freight Rebate

*30 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the railway freight rebate; and

(b) if so, the advantages therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) No, Sir

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) above this question does not arise

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA. In view of the answer given by the Minister may I know Sir whether the Railways have introduced a scheme called the 'Freight Forwarders Scheme' and if so, what is the function of that scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI). The Freight Forwarder Scheme is regarding the contracts and the transport people and they collect the smalls for the railways and we give them the wagon and load and they will transfer them from the consignor to the consignee

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA, May I know whether the zonal authorities have been authorised to increase the incentives by way of rebate? If so, under what condition, may I know?

SHRI BUTA SINGH Sir, we have given the zonal authorities sufficient powers to quote rates from station to station based on the type of goods that are being offered

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA What was the justification of giving 'No' to my question? In view of the answer given by the Minister I want to know the justification of giving 'No'

to my question. He cannot say, the question does not arise. So many questions have arisen.

SHRI BUTA SINGH If you go through the question, the question is whether the Government have increased the railway freight rebate. The answer given is, no, because we have not done that

Building of Wagons in Public Sector Units

*31 SHRI ARJUN SETHI Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently placed orders for 15,555 wagons to be built in public sector units and with the deliveries spreading over three years, and

(b) how far would it help the utilisation of installed capacity of public sector units and help them to roll their way out of the present crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the sabha

Statement

(a) Offers have been made to the active units in the wagon building industry for procurement of a total of 15,555 wagons (in terms of four wheeler units) with deliveries extending upto 31-12-1978. This includes 7,286 wagons (in terms of four wheeler units) for the units under Public Sector/Government management

(b) The installed annual capacity of the six units in Public Sector/under Government management is 15,746 wagons in terms of four wheeler units. But their present realistic capacity is only about 6,000 units (in terms of four wheelers) as four of these units were sick units and started picking