

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI:
It only means modernising the broad gauge.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: If conversion of track maintenance is done from present manual methods to these sophisticated methods, I would like to know, particularly, in the case of directed maintenance and mechanical tamping in which these modern machines are being used, what will be its effect on the employment potential of those track maintenance workers who have been doing this work all along by manual operation. To what extent, would they be rendered surplus and displaced and what do you propose to do about it?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI:
This has been worked out and nobody would be rendered surplus by this.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government has any scheme to introduce double-decker coaches in the near future, since they are taking up a modernisation programme. If so, I would like to know when the double-deckers trains will be introduced on the track.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: A proto-type of the double-decker train is already being tried at the moment and I think within a year we will be able to introduce it in a limited way on some routes.

Distribution of Soda Ash to Industries

+

*278. **SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:**
SHRI TUNA ORAON:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any difficulties in the supply of soda ash to the industry;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) whether there is any control on price, and distribution of soda ash?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):
(a) and (b). The position regarding the availability of soda ash is presently easy.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: I would like to know from the Minister whether it is a fact that various industries in different States which are dependent on supplies of soda ash are not getting supplies in adequate quantities or in time. If this is a fact, what steps does the Government propose to take so that supplies are made in time to the small industries which are dependent on supply of soda ash?

SHRI C. P. MAJHI: Presently the position of availability of soda ash has become very much easy and we have almost been able to meet the demands every year. We have not received any sort of complaints about shortage of soda ash.

Proposal to curtail Writ Jurisdiction of Courts

+

*279. **SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI:**

SHRI M. C. DAGA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to curtail the writ jurisdiction of the Courts so far as welfare legislations and economic offences legislations are concerned; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) The question as to whether the Constitution requires to be amended in any respect is under examination. No concrete proposal