

- (viii) Train services are strengthened and Special Trains are arranged to the extent possible during peak periods of rush.
- (ix) Wherever persons are found to indulge in malpractices, thorough enquiries are made and proper action including prosecution wherever possible, is taken.

#### Irrigation Development in Mysore

\*1538. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Mysore Government have chalked out any programme for irrigation development in the State of Mysore during the year 1971-72 ;
- (b) if so, the main features thereof ; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. I. RAO) : (a) to (c). The Annual Plan for 1971-72 for Mysore envisages development of irrigation under major and medium irrigation projects as well as under minor irrigation schemes. The outlay of funds for approved major and medium irrigation projects is Rs. 13.18 crores and for irrigation projects not approved is Rs. 7.43 crores. For minor irrigation schemes, the outlay is Rs. 5.63 crores.

#### Crisis in Cement Industry due to non-availability of Railway Wagons

\*1544. SHRI P. K. DEO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is a crisis in cement industry due to nonavailability of Railway wagons ;
- (b) whether closure of some of the cement factories is threatened ; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE

CHOU DHURY) : (a) to (c) There was shortage of wagon supply for movement of cement during May and June, 1971, due to massive food grains movement from Punjab and Haryana to various parts of the country and large scale hold-up of wagons at different terminals in West Bengal areas, on account of various anti-social activities and slow release of loaded wagons. Usually, the period between May and September is a busy season when the demand for cement increases, resulting in temporary local shortages.

The Railway Ministry has instituted special drives to step up cement loading from July, 1971 and consequently the loadings are now showing appreciable improvement. The average daily loading on the Broad Gauge has gone up during the first 18 days of July, 1971 by 30%, and on the meter gauge by 10% as compared to corresponding period of June, 1971. Movement of cement for the South to the North has been liberalised and the Railways are moving cement by the all meter gauge route. Suitable steps have also been taken to authorise road movements by longer routes to ensure speedy supplies.

No reports have been received of closure of Cement factories on account of lesser supply of wagons.

#### Agitation by Railway Employees of Luming Division (Northeast Frontier Railway)

\*1549. SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA : SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the agitation launched by the Railway employees of Luming Division, Assam during the month of June in support of their demands ;
- (b) if so, the main demands of the workers ; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to meet their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) There was no agitation during the month of June, 1971 but