

(b) An experimental station has been set up at Palampur so as to help the planters in improving their cultural practices. Fertilisers are being supplied at subsidized rates to the planters of small holdings who are in a majority in this area. Besides, the growers in this area are also entitled to the other benefits already available to the tea industry in the field of production.

Meeting of General Managers of Indian Railways

*994. SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:
SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an extraordinary meeting of the General Managers of the Indian Railways was held on the 6th and 7th March, 1968;

(b) if so, what was the agenda of the meeting; and

(c) the decision taken thereat?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No extraordinary meeting was held. It is customary for the Railway Board to hold meetings from time to time with the Heads of Departments and General Managers of Zonal Railways. Accordingly, a meeting was held with Chief Operating Superintendents and General Managers of Indian Railways on 6th and 7th March, 1968.

(b) The agenda related to a review of general operation, especially in the context of less materialisation of traffic vis-a-vis anticipations, non-utilisation of existing capacities available and ways and means to put the existing assets to the best possible use with the maximum economy, and safety on Railways.

(c) (i) A more critical and statistical analysis of the Operating perform-

ance with a view to achieving optimum utilisation of existing assets;

(ii) Performance of break-of-gauge transshipment points, which constitute bottlenecks in free movement, particularly in the context of increasing labour difficulties, need for mechanising, wherever necessary etc. etc.

(iii) Review of the activities of the Marketing & Sales Cells on the Railways for promotion of rail traffic.

(iv) Augmenting of revenue by prevention of ticketless travelling and special watch thereon; and

(v) Achievement of maximum economy, particularly in operating and fuel expenses and personnel.

लम्बी यात्रा वाली गाड़ियों में तीसरे दर्जे के और अधिक डिब्बे लगाना

*995. श्री ओ० प्र० त्यागी : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि लम्बी यात्रा वाली गाड़ियों के अधिकतर डिब्बे इस समय आरक्षित होते हैं और अन्य यात्रियों के लिये एक अथवा दो डिब्बे ही अनारक्षित रहते हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि आरक्षित टिकटों वाले यात्रियों की तुलना में तृतीय श्रेणी के अन्य यात्रियों से सरकार को अधिक आय होती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन लोगों की बजाय जिनसे रेलवे को अधिक आय होती है अन्य व्यक्तियों के लिये अधिक स्थानों की व्यवस्था किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या तीसरे दर्जे के डिब्बों की संख्या बढ़ाने का सरकार का विचार है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?