

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in library see No. LT-497/68]
(c) Yes, sir.

(d) Since no imports are being allowed at present for stock and sale, the question of evolving distribution system does not arise.

MEMORANDUM FROM RAILWAY COMMERCIAL CLERK'S ASSOCIATION

*699. **SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the All India Railway Commercial Clerks' Association recently;

(b) if so, the nature of their demands; and

(c) the action taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands of the Commercial Clerks relate to :

(1) Revision of scales of Pay and Grade.

(2) Absorption of incapacitated staff.

(3) Improvements in increments in the authorised scales.

(4) Request for placing Commercial Clerks as "Essential" for the purpose of allotment of quarters.

(5) Avenue of Promotion.

(6) Policy regarding periodical transfers of Commercial Clerks.

(7) Provision of Medical Allowance for Commercial Clerks residing beyond a km. of the Medical Unit.

(8) Issue of cash allowance for Commercial Clerks entrusted with duties of handling cash; and

(9) Enforcement of hours of employment regulations.

(c) These demands have been looked into again; some of these are under further examination as a result of discussion with Organised Labour.

MINING AND ALLIED MACHINERY CORPORATION LTD.

*700. **SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to reorganise the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd., and to associate Engineering and coal mining experts from public and private sectors;

(b) the scope for diversification in manufacturing programmes and progress achieved during 1967; and

(c) the outline of programmes undertaken to survey market for mining equipment for sales promotion ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No fresh proposal in this regard is under consideration at present.

(b) The scope for diversification in Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation has been examined by a number of top Indian and Russian Experts and their view is that it can serve as a General Engineering Unit subject to availability of design documentation and the addition of some balancing equipment. During the year under review the company entered into collaboration agreement with one firm in Poland and another in Holland for taking up the manufacture of coal washeries and Cyclones required for the washeries. Orders were also procured for supply of certain items such as technological structurals, ore-handling equipment etc., which were not included in the original manufacturing programme of the company to Bokaro Steel. Enquiries for the supply of ore handling equipment to ports are being processed.

(c) Details of market survey programmes undertaken by the company are not readily available. They are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

TRANSFER OF CASH BALANCES OF INDIAN CITIZENS IN PAKISTAN

*701. **SHRI B. K. DAS CHOWDHURY :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have arrived at some agreement with the Government