

**Trade with East European Countries**

\*346. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's trade with East European countries has perceptibly declined in the recent months; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the decline and the result thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir. The trade registered progressive increase from August, 1958 onwards, although there was some decline in the month of November, as can be seen from the attached statement, which can be treated as casual. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-312/67].

(b) Does not arise.

**प्रखिल भारतीय टिकट निरीक्षण कर्मचारी परिषद्**

\*347. श्री मोहन स्वल्प: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रखिल भारतीय टिकट निरीक्षण कर्मचारी परिषद् ने मांग की है कि उनके वेतन को बढ़ाया जाये तथा उन्हें रात्रि कर्म का भत्ता दिया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एच० गुप्ता) :

(क) जी हाँ, प्रखिल भारतीय टिकट जांच कर्मचारी परिषद् द्वारा पारित कुछ प्रस्ताव मिले हैं ।

(ख) टिकट जांच कर्मचारियों के लिये नियत किये गये मौजूदा वेतनमान वही हैं जिनकी सिफारिश द्वितीय वेतन प्रायोग ने की थी । वे वेतनमान उनके विभिन्न ग्रेड के पदों के कार्यों और उत्तरदायित्वों के बिल्कुल अनुरूप हैं । इसलिए उनमें संशोधन करने का कोई औचित्य नहीं है ।

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जहाँ तक रात्रि भत्ता देने का प्रश्न है, धम-संगठन से विचार-विमर्श करने के बाद इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ विनियम किये गये हैं और उन पर शीघ्र धमल किया जायेगा ।

**Railway Restaurants on Southern Ely.**

\*348. Shri A. Sreedharan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to departments'ise all Railway restaurants on the Southern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been frequent complaints about the Railway Restaurants in the Olavakkot Division on the Southern Railway; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to remedy the situation?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Presumably the Hon. Member is referring to refreshment rooms in the Olavakkot Division run departmentally. There are three Vegetarian Refreshment Rooms at Erode, Coimbatore and Ernakulam stations which are under departmental management. Complaints received during the year 1958 in respect of these refreshment rooms were 6, 3 and 3 respectively.

(c) All these complaints were enquired into and staff held responsible in each of these cases, were suitably dealt with. Supervision has also been tightened up to ensure a good standard of catering.

**Textile Industry**

750. Shri George Fernandes:  
Dr. Eanan Sen:  
Shri J. M. Biswas:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has been holding talks with the representatives of the textile industry and the textile workers on the problems confronting the textile industry;