

In six months continuous service on works other than a Project, should be afforded temporary status, whereby they become entitled to all the rights and privileges (including pay and allowances), as admissible to temporary railway servants. These instructions are applicable on all Indian Railways and no change therein is contemplated.

Statement

STATEMENT SHOWING THE
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUAL
LABOURERS EMPLOYED ON
INDIAN RAILWAYS AS ON
31.3. 1969.

Railway	Number
Central	39942
Eastern	46734
Northern	52811
North Eastern	12140
Northeast Frontier	4039
Southern	34089
South Central	34085
South Eastern	68624
Western	34050
C.L.F.	779
I.C.F.	1090
D.L.W.	658
Total :	2,29,041

Shifting of Industries by the Birlas from West Bengal

*584. SHRI MAYAVAN :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU ;
SHRI SAMINATHAN :
SHRI N.R. LASKAR ;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Birlas have decided to shift their offices and factories to other States in view of the situation created by the insecurity prevailing in West Bengal ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that big officers of this concern have been assaulted

and their functioning made impossible.

(c) If the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether this will have great impact on the economy of the country and particularly of the West Bengal State ; and

(d) If so, the steps being considered by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) It is learnt that certain companies of the Birla Group are proposing to shift their administrative offices from their present premises to the factory sites.

(b) Government have no detailed information in this regard.

(c) and (d). The permission of the Government of India is required to the shifting of licensed undertakings from one State to another. No licensed industrial undertaking of the Birla Group has recently shifted outside the State of Bengal and, as such, the production capacity within that state has not altered. At the same time, the rate of industrial growth and the industrial climate in a particular region would depend considerably on the overall labour conditions as well as problems of security and law and order and it is hoped that conditions in West Bengal will improve in the near future.

Tractor Manufacturing Units

*585. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) which of the tractor manufacturing units in the country are working with the collaboration of any other country ; and

(b) the names of collaborating countries along with the terms of agreements entered into with them ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE