

**Increase in Rates of Vending and Catering on Railways**

\*1614. **Shri Balgovind Verma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of vending and catering articles have been raised on the Railways;

(b) if so, whether the commission rates of vendors and bearers have also been increased accordingly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) Yes, Sir. On account of the increases in the cost of raw materials and of staff, it has been found necessary to increase the rates, so that the costs are covered,

(b) and (c). No, Sir. As the commission paid is a percentage on the sales effected, the vendors/bearers will automatically earn higher amount of commission on account of the upward revision of tariff.

**Trade with Nepal**

\*1615. **Shri D. N. Patodia:**  
**Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal have introduced customs tariff which gives special preference to goods imported from India;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the goods which are likely to find a better market in Nepal under the present conditions; and

(c) the extent to which the exports to Nepal would be augmented?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) to (c). On 9th July, 1967, the Government of Nepal introduced a new tariff according to which duties/surcharges on several items imported into Nepal from India have been reduced. A statement giv-

ing figures as available to us is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1330/67]. Full details about the items involved and the extent of reduction are awaited from the Government of Nepal. It is expected that as a result of reduction in duties/surcharges, the goods involved are likely to find a better market in Nepal. It is, however, difficult to forecast the extent to which the exports of these goods to Nepal would be augmented.

**Subsidies in Export of Steel**

\*1616. **Shri Virendrakumar Shah:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the question of enhancement of subsidies on the export of different types of steel;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken; and

(c) whether a decision on the question of introducing subsidy for export of steel billets has also been taken, and if so, the main features thereof, and if not, when a decision is expected?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) and (b). The revised rates of subsidy consequent on the revision of domestic prices of iron and steel have been announced effective from 2-5-1967 as per statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1331/67]. The rates have been fixed taking into account the indigenous cost of steel and export over-heads and the realisation from exports.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

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