

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir. Small Scale Industries include all industrial units with capital investment of not more than Rs. 5 lakhs, irrespective of the number of persons employed. The capital investment for the purpose of the definition means investment in fixed assets like land, building, machinery and equipment.

(b) There is no proposal at present to revise the definition.

Gypsum Deposits in Gujarat

847. { Shri Mahananda:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Vishram Prasad:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether any gypsum deposits have been found in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these will be exploited for commercial purposes?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gypsum is found in the districts of Nawanagar, Broach, Kutch, Bhavnagar, Surendranagar and Junagadh and the total estimated reserves of these deposits will be of the order of 6.93 million tonnes.

(c) The Government of India have no such proposal at present.

Stores Department of N.F. Railway

848. { Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Dr. Saradish Roy:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stores department of N.F. Railway is being shifted from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Draughtsmen/Estimators on N. Railway

849. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shrimati Akkamma Devi:
Shri N. T. Das:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Draughtsmen/Estimates (Civil) of the Northern Railway in the grade of Rs. 335-485 have been asked to appear for selection for that grade after having worked satisfactorily for periods of three to eight years;

(b) if so, why the question of selection was kept pending for eight years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain other similar Draughtsmen of the Mechanical Branch of this Railway were granted exemption from selection for that grade in view of their having actually worked for similar periods; and

(d) if so, why different policies are being followed for the Draughtsmen working on the Civil side and the Mechanical side of the same Railway?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A selection for filling up posts of Head Draftsmen in scale Rs. 335-485 from amongst all eligible Draftsmen in Scale Rs. 205-280 (AS) including those who had been officiating in scale Rs. 335-485 purely as a local arrangement, is being held on the Northern Railway. The locally promoted Draftsmen without selection were warned that they would have to appear for selection. The selection could not be held earlier due to various administrative reasons.

(c) and (d). The case of Draftsmen of the Mechanical Branch of the Northern Railway was quite different. In their case, the Railway Administration had not stipulated in the promotion orders that their promotions were temporary pending selection. They were, therefore, exempted from selection.