

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinosh Singh):** (a) No, Sir but a meeting of the Trade and Development Board of the UNCTAD (4th session) was held in Geneva from the 10th August to the 23rd September 1985

(b) The two major subjects taken up at the meeting of that Board were, a review of the implementation of the recommendations of the first UNCTAD and preparations for the second UNCTAD. The Board adopted a draft provisional agenda for the second Conference and decided to accept the offer of the Government of India of host facilities for the second Conference.

(c) The fifth session of the Trade and Development Board is to be held in Geneva from the 15th August to the 8th September, 1987

**Transfer of Muslim Railway Employees from Jamalpur Workshop**

4914 **Shri Kedar Paswan**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum signed by the leading citizens of Monghyr in regard to the transfer of some employees from the Jamalpur Railway Workshop last year, and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to cancel the transfer orders passed on the said employees?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha):** (a) Yes

(b) No

**Price of Cotton**

4915. **Shri S. R. Damani:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the extent to which Government have been able to requisition the cotton bales from the producers and co-

operative societies and how far it has proved effective in reducing the prices of cotton?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):** So far 1,09,150 bales of cotton in all have been requisitioned from merchants and cooperative societies. Requisitioning cotton along with other measures aimed at orderly marketing and equitable distribution of the available supplies of cotton has had some effect on cotton prices although not to the extent desired. No requisitioning has been done from the producers direct.

**Committees in Ministry of Railways**

4916 **Shri S. R. Damani**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether any Committees have been formed under his Ministry

(b) if so the constitution of such Committees and since when they have been so working,

(c) the nature and functions performed by the Committees,

(d) the number of meetings of such Committees held during 1986-87 and

(e) the nature of recommendations, suggestions, resolutions and proposals submitted to Government by the Committees and the action taken by Government thereon?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha):** (a) to (e) Apart from the purely Technical and Departmental Committees dealing with various problems affecting Railway working, Committees constituted together with the related information are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library see No LT-852/87.]