

attend various meetings in connection with Tea Trade in his capacity as Chairman of the Tea Board.

The Chairman's visits to Delhi and other places were undertaken in the performance of his official duties. Such visits facilitate expeditious consideration and action on various important matters connected with the Tea Industry.

Ticketless Travel

3513. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri K. Haldar:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:
Shri Bhagaban Das:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of ticketless travel during the last five years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to recruit sufficient number of checking staff;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special incentive will be given to checking staff; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The comparative figures of ticketless passengers detected during the last five years are as follow:

1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
80,63,743	90,06,051	63,84,525
1965-66	1966-67	
65,46,482	68,61,113.	

(b) and (c). Ticket checking staff on Railways is adequate and there is no proposal to recruit additional staff.

*The figures of ticketless travellers include only those cases where the passengers are charged higher penalty. The Northern and North Eastern Railways, who were previously including lower penalty and other cases also have, since the year 1964-65, excluded such cases.

(d) and (e). Cash awards and commendation certificates are already being awarded to ticket checking staff doing meritorious work.

Small Scale Industries in M.P.

3514. Shri G. S. Mishra: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the decontrol of steel and cement, the essential raw materials in the form of steel, cement and tin is not easily available to small scale industries;

(b) how many industries are threatened with closure due to difficulty in procurement of raw materials to run the industries; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the position?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारतीय इस्पात की स्थिति

3515. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या इस्पात, जल तथा धातु मन्त्री 26 मई, 1967 के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रश्न संख्या 691 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में अन्य उन्नत देशों के बराबर दरपर इस्पात बेचने के कारण बाटा उठाना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात, जल तथा धातु मन्त्रालय में प्रश्न संख्या (सी प्र० सं० सेटी) : (क)