

**CONFIRMATION OF CLASS III DRAWING
STAFF AND OUT-DOOR ENGINEERING
STAFF**

3648. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are cases of Class III Drawing and out-door Engineering staff of the Northern Railway not having been confirmed yet although they have put in more than 15 to 20 years service; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to remove this anomaly ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

PAY SCALES OF DRAWING STAFF

3649. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum for revision of pay scales of Drawing staff and redressal of other grievances has been received from the Indian Railways Drawing Staff Association; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). Yes. It is under consideration.

EXPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

3650. SHRI R. BARUA :

SHRI N. R. SOMANI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether export assistance schemes are proposed to be modified to meet the impact of the devaluation of the sterling; and

(b) if so, the nature of changes proposed to be made ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). Certain requests have been received for Modification in the scale of assistance now available against exports of certain products to counter the effect of the devaluation of pound sterling. These requests are being examined.

HEAVY INDUSTRIES IN PUNJAB

3651. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the statements made by the Punjab Ministers that Punjab has not been given any heavy industry, and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether the Punjab Government have sent any proposal for some project in public sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the matter of location of Central Projects, Government have always recognised the importance of balanced regional development, subject to inescapable techno-economic considerations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Punjab Government have proposed that one of the Central Industrial Projects, included in the draft outline of Fourth Plan, for which no location has yet been determined, may be located in Punjab. The Projects suggested by the State Government are :—

1. New Unit for Power Boilers.
2. Second Cable Factory.
3. Additional Capacity for Machine Tools.
4. Electronics.
5. Agricultural Tractors.
6. Other Fertilizer Products.
7. Paper and Pulp Schemes.
8. Expansion of Drugs and Pesticides.
9. Export Oriented Spinning Mills.
10. North Western Refinery.

मुगलसराय रेलवे स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म पर पूछताछ कार्यालय

3652. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशावाहू : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वाराणसी के मुगलसराय रेलवे स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म पर रेलवे पूछताछ कार्यालय में प्रवेश के लिये 15 पैसे का टिकट खरीदना पड़ता है और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप जनता को बड़ी कठिनाई होती है ;