

Premature retirement, reversion etc.
in C.L.W.

317. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of premature retire-
ments, reversion and removal
from services in C.L.W. during last
three years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether their cases are being
reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) During the last three years, in
C.L.W. 38 employees were prematurely
retired, 18 were reverted to lower
post/lower stage in the same grade
and 56 were removed from service.
Out of these, 4 prematurely retired
and 9 removed from service have been
taken back on appeal/review.

(b) Four unsatisfactory service
record, unauthorised absence, mis-
conduct and involvement in thefts.

(c) The cases will be reviewed in
the light of Government's announce-
ment during Railway Budget 1977-78.

Recognition of Union in C.L.W.,
D.L.W. and I.C.F.

318. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an active move
to recognise Unions in Chittaranjan
Locomotive Works and other produc-
tion units in Railways viz. Diesel
Locomotive Works and Integral Coach
Factory; and

(b) if so, the salient features there-
of?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) and (b). Since some efforts at

unification of unions at the trade union
level are indicated, we will await the
result of these efforts before we take
the final decision or recognition. In
the mean time the working of the Staff
Councils will be watched.

Export of Chemicals

319. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILI-
ZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether we are exporting
chemicals to the other countries; and

(b) if so, the value of chemicals
exported during 1976-77?

THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes.
Sir.

(b) The value of chemicals export-
ed during 1976-77 is estimated at
Rs. 109.92 crores.

Marketing of a new Kerosene Stove
by I.O.C.

320. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI MEETHA LAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS AND FERTI-
LIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corpo-
ration has recently put in the market
a new superior kerosene stove which
is designed to be more economical
in comparison to other stoves; and

(b) if so, the main features there-
of?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) The new stove "NUTAN" being
marketed by Indian Oil Corporation
has a thermal efficiency of 60 per cent
as compared to 33 per cent—47 per cent

efficiency of most of the other marketed stoves and it saves kerosene consumption to the extent of about 30 per cent on an average. It is basically a wick-type non-pressure stove consisting of—

- (i) Specially designed burner assembly
- (ii) Insulated triple wall outer burner casing
- (iii) Specially designed flame deflecting ring
- (iv) Load bearing assembly (stand)
- (v) Kerosene Level Indicator (float)
- (vi) New wick control lever

The stove has 10 wicks and a fuel tank capacity of 2 ltrs.

Quarters for Staff of C.L.W.

321. SHRI SHYAMAPRASANNA BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of staff at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works who have not been provided with Railway quarters in Chittaranjan township;

(b) whether there is any other source to provide accommodation to railway staff at Chittaranjan besides the railway quarters; and

(c) if not, what is the alternative plan to solve the quarter problem at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) 6904

(b) and (c). About 54 per cent of the Railway staff at Chittaranjan are provided with quarters. In addition, private accommodation available in the adjoining area of Mihijam and nearby villages is also availed of by

the staff. At present construction of 132 units staff quarters is in hand and another 112 units are being programmed for the current year. Provision of Staff quarters is a continuing process and more quarters will be constructed according to availability of resources.

Difference between cost of Production and Sale of Petroleum Products

322. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the differences between the production costs and the prices at which petrol and petroleum products are being sold to consumers per hundred litres;

(b) at what percentage the excise and other duties and taxes are levied on such products; and

(c) whether Government are considering lowering of the prices by reducing duties and taxes etc. in view of the fact that the prices of such products are exorbitantly high at consumer levels?

THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The average cost of production and the retail selling prices at which petrol and four other major petroleum products are sold to the consumers per 100 litres at Bombay are indicated in the enclosed statement which is being laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-337/77].

(b) The rates of Central Excise, sales tax other local levies expressed in terms of percentages of the retail selling prices are also indicated in the same statement.

There is no such proposal at present.