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organisation should suffer in comparison with the work-charged employees.

- (ii) Carry-forward of the entire earned leave accumulated by CEA/CWC employees prior to NTPC take-over is therefore, imperative, even if it calls for relaxation of rules of grant of special dispensation at the highest level. Most urgent action is required as the dead-lock has been continuing for a long time.

**Payment of Royalty by M/s. A. H. Wheelar and Company and M/s. H. Botham and Company**

2537. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of the royalty being paid to Government by M/s. A. H. Wheelar and Company and M/s. H. Botham and Company on behalf of the railway book stalls allotted to them ;

(b) when was this percentage fixed ;

(c) whether the royalty has been revised recently, if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the same percentage of royalty is being taken from other vendors and companies, such as unemployed graduates etc. ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) 3 per cent of sales turnover.

(b) and (c) : The percentage of royalty was raised from 2½% to 3% with effect from 1.1.1985.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) It is the Government's policy to encourage running of bookstalls by unemployed graduates, their partnerships, associations, etc. and not to treat them at par with major bookstall contractors as far as royalty is concerned.

**Nidubrolu-Nizampatnam Rail Line**

2538. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey work to construct 25 k.m. broad gauge railway line from Nidubrolu to Nizampatnam has been completed ; and

(b) if so, by what time the construction work on said rail line is likely to be started ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) and (b) : The survey completed recently reveals that this line, 21.5 kms long, would cost Rs 12.19 crore and will be financially unremunerative.

In view of the severe constraints of resources and heavy commitments already in hand, there is no likelihood of taking up this work in the near future.

**Scheme to Open Screening Centre in Sagar (Madhya Pradesh)**

2539. SHRI NANDLAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of