

(c) Cadre restructuring scheme is essentially designed to bring about a measure of rationalisation and to reduce internal and inter-railway disparities in the promotional avenues of certain categories. This has been achieved to a considerable extent.

(d) Posts are created on the basis of an assessment of the work-load responsibility. As a matter of fact, the gross earnings of the N.E. Railway have increased from Rs. 50 crores in 1970-71 to Rs. 88 crores in 1977-78.

### Divisionalisation on N.E. Railway

5363. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the category-wise officers of all grades and designation including class III and IV staff existing on the North Eastern Railway prior to the divisionalisation and now, with the income of the Railway prior to the Divisionalisation and after?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): Statistics are maintained on the Indian Railways on financial year basis, i.e. from 1st April to 31st March of the following year. The divisionalisation on the North-Eastern Railway took place on 1-5-1969. Hence, the data for prior to Divisionalisation has been given for financial year ending 31st March, 1969, alongwith the data for 1977-78, which is the latest year for which statistics are available.

### I. Staff Strength (in units, as on 31st March)

Groups	1969	1978
Groups A & B	478	613

### Group C

(a) Workshop & Artisan	10,435	13,060
(b) Running	4,624	5,211
(c) Others	22,237	24,303
Total	37,336	42,579

### Group D

(a) Workshop & Artisan	13,194	14,733
(b) Running	1,849	2,158
(c) Others	39,483	38,553
Total	54,526	55,446
Grand Total	92,340	98,638

### II. Gross Earnings (In thousands of Rupees)

1968-69	1977-78
40,58.86	87,79.49

### 962-Ton Panamanian Freighter M.V. Araba

5364. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR N. PATIL:

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 962-Ton Panamanian freighter M.V. "Araba" manned by a 16 member crew comprising 15 Indians and one crew from Sri Lanka is missing in mysterious circumstances for the past four months since it set sail for Bombay via Karachi from Dubai on August 30 last;

(b) if so, furnish facts of the matter and the reaction of Government thereto particularly relating to the news report appearing in 'Free Press Journal' Bombay dated 24-2-78;

(c) details of action taken and results thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the ship was recently repaired and the report submitted by the engineer advises against immediate operation of the ship; and

(e) if so, the reasons why it was put into operation?