

(b) if so, whether the Commission has also drawn the attention of the Railways for not meeting the target of 118 million tonnes of the revenue earning traffic in the first six months of the financial year 1982-83;

(c) what were the other objections raised by the Planning Commission during the quarterly review of the infrastructure;

(d) whether Commission has also taken up with the Railways the slow coal movement leading to building up of pithead stocks; and

(e) what steps Railways have taken to remove the objections raised by the Planning Commission during the quarterly review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The National Transport Policy Committee (1980), set up at the instance of Planning Commission, has recommended that if transport needs of the area can be adequately met by road services, uneconomic branch lines on all the three gauges should be closed down, with the exception of—

(i) those lines on broad and metre gauges which, in the form of short spurs, may serve as alternative routes to relieve congestion by connecting them to suitable points on existing routes either as they are or after conversion; and

(ii) the Central India narrow gauge system and some narrow gauge hill sections.

(b) No.

(c) No specific objections have been raised by the Planning Commission.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

### Upgradation of Class III and Class IV Artisan Staff

3193. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any circular regarding upgradation of class III and class IV artisan staff on the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, what are the main points thereof and how many railway employees will be benefited, zone-wise, and how many have actually been benefited by its actual implementation zone-wise;

(c) is there any direction in that circular asking the Zonal Railway Administration to reduce strength of class IV artisan staff by 5 per cent in the open use and 3 per cent in the workshops; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Ministry of Railways have issued orders to the Zonal Railways etc. for reclassification of some of the existing unskilled and semi-skilled jobs on the Railways.

(b) The main points are:—

(i) some of the present trades designated as semi-skilled should be reclassified as skilled grade.

(ii) Existing unskilled artisan strength to the extent of 60 per cent in production units and workshops & 50 per cent in the open line establishments and Research Designs & Standards Organisation should be allotted the semi-skilled grade.

It is expected that an all Indian Railways about 1.29 lakhs of artisan staff would be benefited on account of these orders. Zone-wise details of the staff actually benefited have been called for from the Railways and information in this regard will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d). Yes. The reduction is required to be made only in unskilled staff

to offset partly the additional expenditure involved in re-classification.

छत्तीसगढ़ एक्सप्रेस रेल गाड़ी को सुपर फास्ट एक्सप्रेस में बदलना

3194. श्री लक्ष्मण कर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 137 छत्तीसगढ़ एक्सप्रेस में प्रथम तथा द्वितीय श्रेणी में स्लीपर कोच की कुल संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस रेल गाड़ी में द्वितीय श्रेणी वातानुकूलित 2 या 3 टायर स्लीपर कोच जोड़ने के प्रश्न पर विचार करेंगी ;

(ग) इस रेल गाड़ी को सुपर फास्ट एक्सप्रेस में बदलने में कितना समय लगने की संभावना है ताकि छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के लोगों को यह सुविधा मिल सके ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार विलासपुर और दिल्ली के बीच इस रेल गाड़ी को सुपर फास्ट बनाने के प्रश्न पर विचार करेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) :

(क) 137/138 गाड़ी में विभिन्न यू/स्लीपर यानों के अतिरिक्त पहले दर्जे की 3 तथा दूसरे दर्जे के 5 शयन यान लगे होते हैं ।

(ख) अतिरिक्त सवारी डिब्बों के उपलब्ध होने पर इसी प्रकार की अन्य भागों के साथ-साथ दूसरे दर्जे के 2-टियर वातानुकूल शयन यानों की व्यवस्था करने पर उचित विचार किया जायेगा ।

(ग) और (घ) : 137/138 छत्तीसगढ़ एक्सप्रेस को मध्यवर्ती स्टेशनों के ठहरावों को समाप्त करके तथा उसकी

गति बढ़ाकर सुपर फास्ट गाड़ी बनाना वांछित नहीं है क्योंकि इन स्टेशनों के वर्तमान उपयोगकर्ताओं द्वारा इसका विरोध किया जायेगा ।

Ancient Art Objects exhibitions in States

3195. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise Ancient Art Objects exhibitions in the States on the pattern of Foreign Exhibitions in National Museum and National Exhibitions in Foreign Countries; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Antiquities and Art objects to foreign countries

3196. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to please to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smuggling of antiquities and Art objects to foreign countries are rampant in the country specially from Nalanda district in Bihar State;

(b) if so, details of the thefts committed in different museums and other places of such objects in the country and loss incurred due to that from 1975—1982; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to stop such thefts and smuggling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) There