

Railways awarded contracts on single tender basis to a foreign firm for supply of spare parts including carbon brushes for Electric Locomotives ,

(b) whether certain indigenous firms had been manufacturing carbon brushes and supplying them to the Railways since 1966 ;

(c) whether the indigenous firms manufacturing carbon brushes quoted a rate of Rs. 2.99 lakhs for 28,500 brushes as against Rs. 7.38 lakhs demanded by the foreign firm ; and

(d) the reasons for awarding contract to a foreign firm on single tender basis and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A small quantity of carbon brushes costing Rs. 88 thousand approximately was ordered as a proprietary item on a single tender basis on a foreign firm who supplied us electric locomotives.

(b) Though certain firms in India are supplying carbon brushes for fans, motors, etc., they are not suitable for application to heavy traction motors and the auxiliary motors of electric locomotives.

(c) No, Sir. Rate of Rs. 2.99 lakhs for 28,500 carbon brushes was obtained from French firm for imported brushes and the contract was awarded to this firm. Another foreign firm on whom the earlier order of June, 1968 was placed had quoted a rate of Rs. 7.38 lakhs for these brushes but this offer being higher, was naturally not accepted.

(d) Procurement on single tender basis is done only in case of proprietary items and when there is only one known source of supply.

Procurement of Bearing Wheel Sets Quotation from U.K. Firm

6279. SHRI K. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a U. K. firm quoted dollars 668.82 for the supply of 848 bearing wheel sets (22.9 tonnes) in August, 1970 and whether due to certain delay the tender had to be called again ;

(b) whether the same firm quoted dollars

743.55 for the same type of wheels months later in January, 1971 ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the case of first quotation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) A U.K. firm quoted \$668.82 for built-up type wheel sets against a tender opened in August, 1970. This firm, also gave an alternative offer for wheel sets with solid wheel to their drawing, but this was not found suitable. Since solid type wheel sets were cheaper and could be adopted for this size of wheel sets, the tender was cancelled and fresh offers with alternatives of solid wheels were invited.

(b) The offer of \$743.55 made by the same firm later in January, 1971 was for wheel sets with built-up wheel and no order was placed at this rate. The order actually placed was at the lowest offer (wheel sets with solid wheel) received against the re-tender viz. at the rate of \$554.07 which was \$114.75 lower than the lowest technically acceptable offer received against the earlier tender.

(b) Does not arise.

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पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे स्टेशनों को नमक
का गैर-कानूनी लदान

6280. श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री :

श्री बन्नीलाल चंद्राकर :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या श्री डूंगरपुर रेलवे स्टेशन (राजस्थान) से पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे के स्टेशनों को नमक का गैर-कानूनी तरीके से लदान किया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या रेलवे कर्मचारियों के इस व्यवहार से व्यापारी वर्ग बहुत परेशान है क्योंकि कि माल डिब्बे अलाट होने के बावजूद उनका माल आगे नहीं भेजा जाता ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के. हनुमन्तैया) : (क) से

(ग). सम्भवतः माननीय का मदस्य का आशय उत्तर रेलवे में स्थित श्री डूंगरगढ़ स्टेशन से है। इस स्टेशन से नमक के अनधिकृत लदान से सम्बद्ध मामले की जांच की जा रही है और ज्योंही जांच पूरी हो जायेगी, इस संबंध में और सूचना सभापटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Procurement Price of Cotton

6281. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently fixed procurement price for cotton to safeguard the interest of cotton-growers ; and

(b) if so, the price so fixed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). Government have indicated to the CCI the fair purchase prices at which to buy cotton and the details thereof are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2037/72]

Handling of Trade with Bangladesh by STC

6282. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 50 per cent of trade with Bangladesh under the agreement signed between Bangladesh and India recently will be handled by the State Trading Corporation and its subsidiaries ; and

(b) if so, the items of export to Bangladesh to be handled by the said Corporation and its subsidiaries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). For items covered by the Limited Payments Arrangement with Bangladesh the two Governments have agreed that the trade exchanges will be handled by the agencies indicated in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2038/72].

Medium Irrigation Schemes in Orissa

6283. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3076 on the 18th April, 1972 regarding Irrigation Projects in Orissa during the Fourth Plan and state the names of the medium irrigation schemes in Orissa which are to be completed in the Fourth Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : The Government of Orissa have reported that the following medium irrigation projects are proposed to be completed during the Fourth Plan period ;

1. Salia.
2. Salki.
3. Budhabudhiani.
4. Godahado.
5. Dhaneri.
6. Derjang.
7. Bahuda Stage I.
8. Hiradhatabati
9. Pitamahar.
10. Uttai.
11. Baghua.
12. Dahuka.

बिलासपुर में रेलवे कार्यालय का विस्तार

6284. श्री चंडूलाल चंद्राकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने मध्य प्रदेश में बिलासपुर में रेलवे कार्यालय का विस्तार करने के बारे में कोई योजना तैयार की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्योरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तैया) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।