

Irregular working in Parcel Office for booking of consignments of Ahmedabad Station

4899. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4105 on the 12th December, 1972 regarding booking of perishable consignments at Ahmedabad Station and state :

(a) whether All India Railway Commercial Clerks Association has issued a notice to the General Manager, Western Railway, Bombay in regard to the irregular working at Ahmedabad Parcel Office in December, 1972 ;

(b) if so, the gist of the notice ; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) The gist of the notice is that the staff and labour to deal with parcel work at Ahmedabad station are inadequate with the result that certain irregularities in the handling of parcels take place for which the staff are unnecessarily taken up.

(c) The points raised in the notice have been examined and it is considered that the strength of Parcel Clerks at Ahmedabad Station is adequate for meeting the normal requirements of traffic. No specific case of irregularities in commercial working attributable to insufficient staff or insufficient labour has been represented to the local authorities. In individual cases of irregularities on the part of the staff, full opportunity is given to them to defend themselves and action is taken on the merits of each case after following the extant disciplinary procedure.

Major Irrigation Projects in Orissa pending for Inclusion in Fifth Plan

4900. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
GRAHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGA-
TION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of irrigated land in Orissa to the entire irrigated land in the country ; and

(b) the broad outlines of the major irrigation projects relating to Orissa pending with Government for inclusion in the Fifth Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION
AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND
VERMA) : (a) By the end of Fourth Plan, the irrigation potential in the country is expected to be about 26% of the cropped area. The percentage in Orissa would be about 28%.

(b) The Fifth Plan programmes have not been sent up by the Government of Orissa. New major irrigation schemes proposed by the State are—the Upper Kolab project in Godavari basin (cost Rs. 55.24 crores ; irrigation 84000 ha) and the Bagh project (cost Rs. 12.91 crores irrigation 39000 ha) in Mahanadi basin. Replies of the State Government to the comments on Bagh project are awaited. The Upper Kolab project can be considered after the award of the Godavari Tribunal becomes available.

Mysore's Hydro-Electric Project for Fifth Plan

4901. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mysore Government have suggested certain Major Hydro-Electric Power Projects for inclusion in the Fifth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the names of the projects and when the same are likely to commence production ?