

(d) how many additional hands were employed by his Ministry during the period from 1st April to 30th June 1968 class-wise;

(e) how many new posts of Gazetted Officers were created during the same period; and

(f) the details of surplus staff working with Ministers, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers etc. for which proper sanction has not been obtained?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) to (c). Yes. Apart from a review of the staff strength by a Committee of Directors with the object of effecting economy, a Work Measurement Study was undertaken in this Ministry during 1967-68. As a result of the Work Measurement Study, the following posts were located as surplus :—

1. Section Officer	3
2. Assistant	19
3. U.D.C.	16
4. L.D.C.	17

No staff have been retrenched or reverted as a result of the Work Measurement Study. The staff rendered surplus as a result of this Study are being absorbed in equivalent posts.

(d) Additional hands employed in the Ministry of Railways, except those drafted from the Railways, during the period from 1st April to 30th June, 1968 are as under :—

(1) Class I	3
(2) Assistant	1
(3) L.D.Cs.	7

Branch	No. of Gazetted posts
Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee	3
Computer Cell	5
Economic Cell	2
Safety	2
Establishment	1
TOTAL	13

(f) No surplus staff, for which proper sanction does not exist, is working with the Minister, Minister of State and Deputy Minister for Railways.

COST OF PRODUCTION OF COAL

3799. **SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal Industry is facing crisis on account of increase in the cost of production of coal in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to avert this crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SICK TEXTILE MILLS

3800. **SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 388 on the 23rd July, 1968, and state :

(a) the financial position of the mills taken over by the Textile Corporation; and

(b) the amount of assistance which has been given by Government to each such mill separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) No mill has yet been taken over by the National Textile Corporation.

(b) Does not arise.

DERAILMENT OF GOODS TRAIN NEAR GULARBHOJ STATION (N. E. RLY.)

3801. **SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI ANBUCHZHIAN :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NALDU :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :