

rush periods to eliminate the possibility of staff conniving at any malpractices

2 Surprise checks have been organised by the Special Police Establishment in co-operation with the Railway authorities to curb the corrupt practices in booking of berths and seats in trains. Such checks are conducted independently also by the Vigilance organisations of the Railway Board and the Zonal Railways.

3 At certain important stations, a special squad of vigilance staff and TTEs in plain clothes are posted at the booking windows during the rush periods to check the activities of unscrupulous elements. The assistance of Police and RPF staff posted at the Booking windows is also sought in this matter.

4 Every one of the complaints is thoroughly enquired into and severe punishment meted out in proven cases.

5 Unreserved accommodation is provided in II and III classes for passengers having no advance reservations. Additional coaches with AC and I class accommodation are attached to trains subject to availability of room, if there is heavy demand for such accommodation.

Employees of Iron & Steel Control Organisation

*1009. Shri Ganesh Ghosh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a very large number of employees working in the Iron and Steel Control Organisation face retrenchment due to the policy of decontrol of Iron and Steel,

(b) the action taken to absorb these employees in the Bokaro Steel Plant, and

(c) the number of persons to be absorbed from this Organisation in the Bokaro Steel Plant?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chema Reddy): (a) Some employees will be rendered surplus

as a result of decontrol but the exact number is being worked out.

(b) and (c) Bokaro Steel Plant have been advised to consider the surplus employees of the Iron and Steel Control Organisation for alternative employment in the Plant. The exact number of persons who may get employment in the Bokaro Steel Plant will be known after selections have been made.

नये उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिये रियायतें

*1010. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा: क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समन्वय कार्य मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पन्द्रह राज्यों ने नये उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए कुछ रियायतें दी जाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुरोध किया है,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो रियायतें किस प्रकार की हैं, और

(ग) उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समन्वय कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन खलील अहमद): (क) से (ग) जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यथासंभव मन्त्रालय पर रख दी जायेगी।

Imported Cotton

*1011. Shri M. S. Murti:

Shri Umanath:

Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Shri C. K. Chakrapani:

Shrimati Sushila Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of premium collected on the imported cotton during 1966-67 by the Indian Cotton Mills

Federation, Bombay under the authority of his Ministry and the details of the expenditure as to how the said premium was utilised by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation, Bombay, and

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to allow rebate on yarn produced out of imported cotton purchased and used by Handlooms?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) I presume the hon Member is referring to the contributions collected by the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation from Mills which imported cotton Accounts relating to these contributions are maintained by the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation, Bombay, on calendar year basis. The total amount of contribution collected during 1966 was Rs. 4,89,28,813. The entire amount has been utilised for the promotion of the export of cotton textiles and other cotton manufactures

(b) No, Sir

Market Research Survey Abroad

*1012. Shri Charanjit Rai: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government on 'Market Research Surveys' abroad during the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67, separately,

(b) how these market surveys are being utilised; and

(c) the extent to which they have been used for increasing the country's export?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). The reports of the market surveys are disseminated to all concerned in the trade and industry, to enable them to plan and adapt their

products according to preferences. Market Surveys are one of the several measures adopted to assist the export effort. It is, therefore, difficult to relate the increases in exports to any specific measure.

Price Rise of Iron and Steel

*1013. Shri Nanja Gowder: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price rise of iron and steel is due to the interference of the Joint Plant Committee, and

(b) if so the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Steel Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b) Joint Plant Committee has been entrusted with the responsibility of fixation of prices of all steel materials, and the question of any interference by them does not arise

Tea Board's representative to the World Jamboree in U.S.A.

*1014. Shri George Fernandes:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Rabi Ray:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to send to the World Jamboree at Idaho in U.S.A. in August, 1967, a representative of the Tea Board of India;

(b) the purpose behind sending a representative from India at a cost of Rs. 50,000 while the Tea Board has an ably manned office functioning in the United States at considerable cost to the Exchequer, and

(c) the name of the representative chosen to go to the World Jamboree and his special qualifications?