

of our total national budget. During the debate on the demands of the Ministry of External Affairs in Parliament and on several other occasions, the meagre outlays on our missions abroad and the need for improvement therein has been clearly brought out. There could, therefore, be no question of any "Squander. mania" in this Ministry.

(b) The reasons for the winding up of the Commission on Public Expenditure were provided in the statement of the Minister of State for Finance on the floor of the Rajya Sabha on February 1, 1930.

Extension Granted to erstwhile S. S. Light Railways Employees absorbed in Northern Railway

1531. SHRI GHULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-employees of the S. S. Light Railway, who were absorbed in Northern Railway (Delhi Division) after the winding up of the said Railway and have been given extension to enable them to become eligible for pension benefits in the year, 1980;

(b) the number of representations received by Government from such employees in the month of October, 1980 who are to retire in the month of November, 1980; and

(c) by when these employees are likely to be given benefits of extension of service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Number of employees absorbed: 159. Number of employees granted extension during 1980 is one, but this has since been terminated.

(b) One.

(c) The request of the employee has not been agreed to.

i Cadre Structure of Wireless Operators in the Railways

1532. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre structure of Wireless Operators on all Indian Railways as per the Board's Orders is CIWT/DIWT/IWT/ WOP;

(>j) whether it is a fact that only IWTs are eligible for promotion as DIWT as per avenue chart;

(c) whether it is a fact that only on Southern Railway the post of IWT is maintained as WTS;

(d) whether it is a fact that on Southern Railway many posts of WTS have not been filled up and cadre strength of WTS/IWT is not maintained; and

(e) what are the reasons for not changing the designation WTS as IWT and maintain the strength on Southern Railway with separate seniority as per avenue chart contained in Board's orders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Generally yes.

(b) No, WTS/Senior Wireless Operators who are in the same scale as IWT are also eligible.

(c) Posts of WTS on Southern Railway have since been redesignated as IWT.

(d) The post of WTS/IWT is operated as Senior WOP as these posts are identical in scales of pay.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) and (c).

Representation from C.R.R.I. Staff Association

1533. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has received many representations from the