

Report of the Wage Board on chromite mines workers' wages

310. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wage board set up to fix the wages of workers in chromite mines has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) The Central Government have not set up any Wage Board to fix the wages of workers in chromite mines.

(b) The question does not arise.

Special incentives to Government employees for promoting family planning

311. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give special incentives to the Central Government employees in order to promote family planning measures; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

उत्तर रेलवे के बालोतरा रेलवे स्टेशन से बुक किये गये और भेजे गये माल के सुरक्षित और समय पर पहुंचने में सुधार न होना

312. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या रेल मंत्री 12 दिसम्बर, 1978 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 301 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर रेलवे के बालोतरा स्टेशन से बुक किया गया और

भेजा गया माल अपने गन्तव्य स्थानों पर समय पर और सुरक्षित नहीं पहुंच पाता है ;

(ख) नवम्बर-दिसम्बर, 1978 के दौरान बालोतरा स्टेशन से सूती कटपिस की कितनी गांठें बुक की गयीं; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ निहित स्वार्थ इन गांठों के अपने गंतव्य स्थानों पर सुरक्षित और समय पर पहुंचने में जान-बूझकर बाधा डालने के दोषी पाये गये हैं ?

† [Lack of improvement in the safe and timely deliver and despatch of consignments booked and despatched from Balotra Railway Station, Northern Railway

312. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 301 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th December, 1978 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that consignments booked and dispatched from Balotra Station, Northern Railway do not reach their destinations in time and are not intact;

(b) what is the number of bales of cotton cutpieces booked at Balotra Station, during November-December, 1978; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some vested interests have been found guilty of deliberately obstructing the safe and timely delivery of these bales to their destinations?]

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) तारांकित प्रश्न 301 में जिन 3230 गांठों का उल्लेख किया गया था, उनकी सुपुर्दगी उन गंतव्य स्थलों पर नवम्बर, 1978 के अन्तिम सप्ताह तक कर दी गयी थी

† [] English translation.

जिन पर उनकी सुपुर्दगी की जानी थी। रेल प्रशासन के नोटिस में ऐसा कोई मामला नहीं आया है कि बालोतरा से बुक किये गये सूती कपड़े के टुकड़ों के परेषन समय पर अपने गन्तव्य-स्थल पर सही-सलामत न पहुंचे हों।

(ख) नवम्बर और दिसम्बर 1978 के दौरान बालोतरा स्टेशन से क्रमशः 3359 और 2634 गांठें बुक की गयी थीं।

(ग) अभी तक ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) All the 3230 bales referred to in Starred Question 301 were delivered at their respective destinations by the last week of November, 1978. Instances of cotton cut-piece consignments booked from Balotra not having reached their destinations in time and in intact condition, have not come to the notice of the Railway Administration.

(b) 3359 and 2634 bales were booked from Balotra Station during November and December, 1978 respectively.

(c) no such report has been received so far.]

Chinese hand in subversive activities in India

313. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the despatches from New Delhi based correspondents recently published in Moscow dailies

†[] English translation.

alleging the Chinese hand in the subversive activities in the eastern parts of India and also referring to an underground pro-Peking organisation engaged in anti-India activities in Manipur; and

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry in this connection; and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to check Chinese interference in the internal matter of our country and in case the allegations are not found true what steps are being taken to check the false propaganda which is likely to create hurdles in improving our relations with China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of the Minister of External Affairs to China from February 12—18, 1979, the matter was raised and this has been covered in the statement on his visit to China which was made by Foreign Minister to the Rajya Sabha.

Late running of Trains

314. SHRI SADASIV BAGAITKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the efficiency and punctuality in running mail and express trains have been affected in recent months; and

(b) the details of such late running of trains during the month of December 1978 on all zones of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) There was some deterioration in punctuality of Mail and Express trains primarily due to extraneous reasons, such as, staff and public agitations, rains and floods and Alarm Chain pulling etc.

(b) The punctuality percentage of Mail/Express trains on different Zonal