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of Northern Railway was detected selling three used platform tickets and accepting Re. 1 for these tickets. For this irregularity, Regular Departmental proceedings have been initiated against him which are in progress. Orders were also issued transferring him from Kanpur to Allahabad.

Use of retiring rooms at Allahabad station for immoral purposes

1173. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the railway retiring rooms at Allahabad Junction are being used for immoral purposes like flesh trade; and
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI (SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Tenders for goods handling contract at Allahabad

1174. SHRI LAKHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tenders were invited for award of goods handling contract at Allahabad station recently;
- (b) if so, whether the tenders have been finalised and the contract awarded to the lowest tenderer; and
- (c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes.

- (b) Not yet.
- (c) As the genuineness of M/s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram

Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad, who have quoted the lowest rates, had to be verfied and as also a representation from the existing handling contractor M/s. Railway Mazdoor Sangh Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad, for award of the contract to them by negotiation, is under consideration, the award of contract has not been finalised.

तेल श्रीर प्राकृतिक गैस श्रायोग के निदेशक के पद के लिए विज्ञापन

1175. श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही: क्या पैट्रोलियम, रसायन ग्रौर उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि:

- (क) क्या तेल ग्रौर प्राकृतिक गैंस ग्रायोग ने ग्रपने विज्ञापन सं० 9/77 द्वारा निदेशक (भंडार ग्रौर खरीद) के पद के लिए ग्रावदन-पत्न ग्रामन्त्रित किये थे ग्रौर ग्रावदन-पत्न प्रस्तुत करने की ग्रंतिम तिथि 15 फरवरी, 1978 रखी गयी थी ; ग्रौर
- (ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त पद के लिए कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए थे और इस पद के लिए जिस व्यक्ति का चयन किया गया है उसका नाम क्या है ?

†[Advertisement for the Director's post in the O. N. G. C.

1175. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had invited applications for the post of Director (Stores and purchase) through their advertisement No. 9/77 and the last date for submitting applications was 15th February, 1978; and

^{†[]} English translation,