

Supply of paraffin wax to small scale industries in Orissa

1011. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHAPATRO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the small scale industries in Orissa which consume paraffin wax as their basic raw material together with the installed capacity of each such industry and the allotment of paraffin wax to each of them during the years 1976, 1977 and so far during the year 1978;

(b) what are the reasons for not meeting their full requirement of paraffin wax during the above period;

(c) what measures Government propose to take to ensure adequate supply of paraffin wax to these industries in the interest of continuity of production and employment of the workers therein; and

(d) whether Government received any representations in this regard during the last six months; if so, from whom and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Recruitment and posting of railway personnel having knowledge of local language

1012. SHRI L. R. NAIK:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI H. R. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognise the need to post railway personnel,

such as Ticket Collectors, Station Masters, Booking Clerks, etc. having knowledge of the local language to the States where that local language is predominantly prevalent; and

(b) if so, whether the Railway Service Commissions keep this in view while making recruitment of such personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) Recruitment to such categories is on local basis i.e. the Railway Service Commissions advertise the vacancies only in newspapers of the area covered by the particular Railway. Hence the applicants will mostly be local people having knowledge of one or more of the local languages. However, if anyone from outside the zone applies, his application has to be considered as all have equal right to employment under the State.

Cost of haulage of railway passenger coaches and goods wagons

1013. SHRI L. R. NAIK:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI H. R. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of haulage of one railway passenger coach and one goods wagon per kilometre on the broad and metre gauge, separately;

(b) the average load, in terms of tonnes carried per wagon on the broad and metre gauge, separately;

(c) the number of passengers per carriage carried on the broad and metre gauge, separately; and

(d) the average speed of a goods train and a passenger train on the broad and metre gauge?

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