

**Production of fertilizer plants in Bihar**

810. SHRI S. A. HASHMI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the annual production of fertilizers, plant-wise, both in the public and private sectors in Bihar during the years 1973 and 1974 and whether it is less than their targeted production ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) A statement is attached. [See Appendix XCII, Annexure No. 56].

(b) The shortfall in production at the Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India during 1974-75 was mainly due to the inadequate availability of the suitable quality of raw materials and also due to mechanical breakdowns of the old and ageing plant. The information in respect of the remaining factories both in the Public and the Private Sectors is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Reward to non-striking railway employees**

811. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE :

SHRI B. RACHAIAH :

SHRI B. R. MUNDA :

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to give preference in the matter of employment to the wards/sons and daughters of loyal Railway workers who did not participate in May Railway Strike ; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such employments made in Northern Railway Zone and how many among them are from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) In the wake of a number of agitations and work stoppages on the Railways, a decision was taken in February, 1974 to offer employment to sons and daughters of employees who showed outstanding devotions to duty in the face of intimidation and violence.

(b) About 1,460 persons have been approved for employment of which 234 are Scheduled Castes and 8 belong to Scheduled Tribes.

**Posts on ad-hoc basis in Electronic Data Processing Centre**

812. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE :

SHRI B. RACHAIAH :

SHRI B. R. MUNDA :

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many posts have been filled on ad-hoc basis in Electronic Data Processing Centre, Northern Railway and the date from which so filled ;

(b) in how many posts suitable incumbents were not available to replace these ad-hoc arrangements ;

(c) whether due reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was given in these ad-hoc arrangements ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) 4 posts of Console Operators in scale of Rs. 550-750 (RS), 2 filled in February, 1972 and 2 in September, 1972.

1 post of Senior Console Operator in scale Rs. 650-950 (RS) in February, 1972.  
1 post of Data Processing Superintendent in scale Rs. 700-900 (RS) in January, 1972