

(b) No specific decision has yet been taken.

### Streamlining the Procedure Relating to Railway Stores

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the measures that have been taken or are proposed to be taken to streamline the procedure for procurement, stocking, issue and disposal of railway Stores in order to effect economy in expenditure ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI URESHI) : A statement is attached.

### Statement

The procedures for procurement, stocking, issue and disposal of railway stores are being constantly reviewed with a view to streamline them and effect economy. Some of the important measures taken in this respect are as under :

(i) Inventory Control cells have been set up on each of the Zonal Railways to look into provisioning of all High Value Items; prompt identification of overstock/surpluses and arrange their expeditious clearance, expediting the disposal of scrap etc.

(ii) Modern Materials Management methods such as A. B. C. Analysis for Inventory Control and Computerisation are being progressively introduced. These will not only increase efficiency but are also expected to

achieve economy feasible to a maximum extent through improved Materials Management.

(iii) A high Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Minister for Railways including some Non-Official Experts have been set up for streamlining the stores procedures and examining the other important aspects of Materials Management on Indian Railways. The report of the Committee is awaited.

### Construction of over-bridge in Rajasthan

949. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new over-bridges proposed to be constructed in Rajasthan during the financial year 1974-75;

(b) the number of over-bridges construction of which the State Government has submitted proposals to the Central Government; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred by the Central Government thereon during the financial year 1974-75?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No new work of road over-bridge in place of existing level crossing in Rajasthan State has been included in the 1974-75 Budget. However, 3 road over-bridges in place of existing level crossings are under construction as throw-forward works and will be in progress or completed during 1974-75.

(b) In addition to the works in progress mentioned in (a) above, there are 8 more proposals from the State Government for construction of road over/under bridges. These are in various stages of preliminary investigations.