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False Claims of Travelling and Night Duty Allowances by Officials of Allahabad Division

1234. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 349 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13 April, 1972 and state:

(a) whether instructions issued to Northern Railway Administration on 3rd February, 1972 to initiate necessary action under the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules against the Ticket Checking Staff of Allahabad Division has since been taken;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the action is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(6) and (c) In pursuance of the instructions issued to the Northern Railway Administration, disciplinary action was initiated against 8 employees. Out of these 5 employees had been served with Memorandum for 'Minor' penalty. In the case of remaining 3 employees have been served with Memorandum for 'Major' penalty and enquiry under the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules is in progress.

Irregular Levy of Demurrage Charges

1255. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 128 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1972 and state:

(a) whether disciplinary action against five persons who were held responsible for various irregularities regarding levy of demurrage charges against parcels handling contractor at Tundla has since been completed;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

u) whether demurrage charges were also raised against a Cooperative Society holding goods handling contract at Aligarh and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, whether any action has been taken against the staff found responsible; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

1111. DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) Not yet. Five persons namely S/Shree 1. R. D. Sharma, Commercial Inspector, 2. A. D. Saxena, Station Master, 3. J. P. Srivastava, Hd. Panel Clerk, 4. S. C. Saraswat, UJ. Coaching Clerk of Tundla and 5. P. C. Gupta, Sr. Clerk, Commercial Branch, Allahabad, were found responsible for irregular levy of demurrage charges at Tundla. Out of these five persons S/Shree P. P. Srivastava and A. D. Saxena have retired from railway service w.e.f. 1-1-72 and 14-12-72 respectively and hence the cases against them have been closed. Replies to the memorandum it changes served to Shri R. D. Sharma and Shri S. C. Saraswat are under consideration of the disciplinary authority. Shri P. C. Gupta is on unauthorised absence on and from 14-8-72 and action will be taken against him on his resumption of duty.

(c) Assistant Commercial Superintendent Allahabad made enquiries into the demurrage charged levied in station against the Goods handling Society of Aligarh Jn. in June, 1972; and the demurrage charges were found to have been correctly levied as per extant rules.

(d) and (e) Questions do not arise in view of the reply given to part (c) above.

Autonomous Corporation for the Utilization of Brahmaputra River Water

1286. SHRI GANESHAJI, MALI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given their approval for setting up an autonomous Corporation for the utilization of Brahmaputra river water; and

if so, the main features thereof?