

## RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 14th May, 1973/the 24th  
Vaisakha, 1895 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock  
Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### REPRESENTATIONS FROM FEDERATION OF RAILWAY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS

\*264. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA†:  
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :  
SHRI HIMMAT SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government have recently  
received representations from the  
Federation of Railway Officers' Asso-  
ciations regarding lack of promotional  
opportunities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this re-  
gard and the action taken by Govern-  
ment to meet the demands made  
therein?

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

(b) The representation received from  
the Federation of Railway Officers'  
Association refers to the poor pro-  
motional prospects of Railway Officers  
as compared with other Class 1  
Central Services. This representation  
is under active consideration of  
Government.

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :  
Sir, the Federation of Railway Officers'  
Associations had urged the Railway Board  
to review the question of cadres so that  
productivity and efficiency do not suffer.  
Its proposal to upgrade some 1,500 posts  
on the principle of promotion,

accepted by the Railway Board six years  
ago, is yet to be implemented. And this  
Federation has been making representa-  
tion to the Government since the last so  
many years. I would like to know why  
it is that, even though so many years have  
elapsed, it has not yet received the  
attention of the Government.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI :  
Sir, I quite agree that in order to maintain  
a good standard in the Railway service,  
we have to give promotion opportunities  
to the Railway staff properly. This matter  
has been gone into by the study team on  
Railways which was appointed earlier.  
The Cadre Reviewing Committee in the  
meeting which was held recently on the  
30th March, 1973, decided to upgrade cer-  
tain posts. Now, an exercise is being done  
to identify posts in various departments  
and services to be allotted to the junior  
executive service. This is done with a  
view to improving the condition of the  
officers in the Railways.

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :  
Sir, according to the proposal submitted  
by the Officers' Federation, Class 1 officers  
would reach the junior grade in 12 years,  
the middle grade in 16 years and the senior  
grade in 19 years. The total cost of  
re-structuring the cadre comprising 8,000  
officers was estimated by the Federation at  
Rs. 83 lakhs, which is hardly any thing  
compared to the proposed grade revision  
of 80,000 running staff which costs  
Rs. 15 crores. May I take it that the hon.  
Minister will see to it that this legitimate  
grievance of the officers will be removed in  
view of the fact that the cost involved is  
not so much, i.e. it is only Rs. 83 lakhs?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI :  
I have already stated that the Cadre Review-  
ing Committee has already taken a  
decision and now it is only a question  
of identifying the posts in the various de-  
partments in the Railways itself. And  
that will be done very soon.

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : May  
I know from the hon. Minister if it is a  
fact that it is immediately necessary to  
have decentralisation in the entire adminis-

†The question was actually asked on the  
floor of the House by Harsh Deo Malaviya.  
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tration of the Railways ? I ask this question because the representation, as we understand, says that one Divisional Engineer is expected to supervise the work of 20,000 people. Is it possible for one single individual to have effective supervision over such a large number of employees? What is the Government's attitude ? Is the Government taking steps towards decentralisation of this administration?

**SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI :** Sir, the representation made by this Federation mainly refers to upgradation of certain posts. It does not refer at all to decentralisation or other matters, and this is not being considered by the Government at this stage.

**DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :** Sir, in the Railways there is very little scope for promotion for medical doctors. There are a large number of MOs as against the DMO and the CMO for each Railway. May I know whether the Government is going to consider sanctioning several posts of ADMOs in each Railway so that the MOs may have an opportunity of promotion?

**SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI :** Sir, certain posts are being upgraded. The number has already been decided. The Medical Officers will get their due share, according to their proportion in the service, from this upgradation.

**SHRI C.D. PANDE :** In view of the fact that there is a great deal of congestion of officers in the Railways, will the Government consider the question of shifting some of the officers to the public sector undertakings where there are so many vacancies for these posts? If a sizeable number of Railway officers are sent to these public sector units, then there will be more scope for the existing officers in the Railways for promotions, etc.

**SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI :** That may not solve all the problems. As already stated, the Cader Review Committee

will also consider if there is any possibility of sending some of the officers to the public sector undertakings, if they desire to have these officers.

#### REORGANISATION OF C. W. & P. C.

\*265. **SHRI KRISHAN KANT† :**  
**SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :**  
**SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :**  
**SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA :**  
**SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :**  
**DR. Z. A. AHMAD :**

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Bhagwantam Committee for the reorganisation of the Central Water and Power Commission have been fully implemented ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) :**

(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Annexure indicating the present position relating to the main recommendations cited by the Committee is enclosed. Some recommendations pertain primarily to service conditions and career prospects of engineering officers such as upward revision of pay scales, introduction of time scales etc. Action on these recommendations were initiated sometime back. Since they involve issues of wider implications concerning personal matter and have financial implications, final decisions thereon will be taken in the light of decisions on the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Krishan Kant.