

रेल मंत्री (श्री एल० एन० मिश्र) :

(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जमालपुर कारखाने में कुछ इंजन, वायलर और टैंडर उपलब्ध हैं जिनका शीघ्र ही निपटारा किया जाना है। इन रद्दी सामानों का अनुमानित मूल्य लगभग 7 लाख रुपये है।

YF THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some condemned locomotives, boilers and tenders are available at Jamal-pur workshops which are under disposal shortly. The estimated value of these condemned materials is approximately Rs. 7 lakhs.

PROMOTIONAL AVENUES FOR S.Ms, AND A.S.Ms.

442. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that avenues of promotion for Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters are not identical in all the railway Zones;

(b) if so, what are the actual avenues of promotion for SMs and ASMs. Zone-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that on July 7, 1970 the CPO, South Eastern Railway proposed a modification regarding the methods of promotion of operating staff and forwarded it to the recognised unions; and

(d) if so, what was the proposed modification and the reasons for which it was not implemented?

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

(b) A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. [Set Appendix LXXXIIT, Annexure No. 56.]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A copy of the Chief Personnel Officer's letter dated the 7th July, 1970 is laid on the table of the Sabha. [See Appendix LXXXIII, Annexure No. 57.] The proposed modification has not been finalised for want of replies from the unions

†[] English translation.

SEMINAR ON PETROLEUM REFINING

*433. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Seminar was recently held in New Delhi on petroleum refining in developing countries;

(b) if so, the names of the countries who participated in the Seminar; and

(c) the details of the recommendations and observations made at the Seminar in regard to India's petroleum refining industry and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The countries, which participated in the Seminar are Brazil, Burma, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Togo, Uruguay and Zambia.

(c) The purpose of the Seminar was to afford an opportunity to developing countries to exchange information and experience on the several aspects, administrative, legal, economic, technical, of petroleum refining. The main suggestions which emerged from the Seminar included the setting up of an Information Bureau for collection, compilation and dissemination of information on all aspects of the oil industry to serve the developing countries, developing suitable machinery to encourage regional and sub-regional co-operation among developing countries, to ensure crude oil supplies and bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation between producing and consuming countries leading towards mutually acceptable terms for steady supplies of oil at reasonable prices, upstream integration, etc. The necessity for an international agency like the U.N. helping the developing countries in overcoming their pressing energy problems was also stressed in the Seminar. Government are generally in agreement with the above suggestions.