

STATEMENT

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E (S) 63LG-5/3 dated 17-M965 to General Managers, all Indian Railways.

Sub : Review of grades and distribution of posts of Conductors on Railways.

Reference correspondence resting with your replies to Railway Board's Wireless of even number dated 24.2.45. The Railway Board have reviewed the grades and distribution of posts of Conductors and have decided that there should be only two grades of Conductors, viz. Rs. 250-380 (A I) and Rs. 205-280 (AS) instead of existing 3 grades viz. Rs. 250-380, 205-280 and 150-24'. The distribution of Posts of Conductors in the two grades will be as under :—

Grades Rs.	Percentage
250-380	25
205-280	75

The Conductors in grade Rs. 250-380 (AS) should be utilised on the more important trains and those in grade Rs. 205-280 (AS) on other trains.

These orders take effect from 1.5.1965 and fixation of pay in the upgraded posts will be done under the normal rules.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E (P & A) II-70CPC/6 dated 30.3.1971 to General Managers, all Indian Railways.

Sub : Review of Grades and distribution of posts of Conductors on Railways.

In reiterating the orders contained in their letter No. E (S) 63LC -5/3 dated 17-5-1965, the Board desire that the question of earmarking Conductors in grade Rs. 250-380 (AS) to more important trains may be decided by individual Railways Administrations according to the requirements of work and consistent with the prescribed percentage distribution of posts.

PROPOSAL FOR RECONSTITUTION OF ELECTION COMMISSION

/* 176. SHRI SITARAMJAIPURIA: Will '

the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reconstitute the Election Commission ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE -MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BACKLOG OF INDENTS FOR STEEL

*177. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the current backlog of indents for steel amounts to nearly two years' production ;

(b) whether it is proposed to establish a large number of electric furnaces to take up steel production using scrap ; and

(c) whether it is proposed to import electric furnaces and other equipment, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMA-RAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to bridge the gap between the demand and availability of steel as far as possible, Government are encouraging the setting up of electric arc furnaces using scrap for the production of steel.

(c) Electric arc furnaces are being manufactured indigenously. However, certain items which are used in the furnace like graphite electrodes, refractories etc. which fall short of requirements are allowed to be imported.

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CLOSURE OF SOME COMPANIES OF M/s. BRAITH-WAITE AND CO., LTD.

*139. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

•f Transferred from the 2nd April, 1971.