

well above the *pro-rata* target. For movement of 1.2 million tonnes, the daily average number of wagons required is 150 wagons equal to 4,500 wagons per month. Indents during January, February and March, 1970 were much above this programme and hence could not be complied in full. The loading during the month of April, 1970 was affected due to M.M.T.C.'s labour strike at Dhanmandal from 8th to 16th, necessitating restriction in the loading of export ore and subsequent limitation in acceptance up to 26th April.

(d) From the month of May, loading was stepped up to 250 wagons per day to build up stock at the Port head, but had to be stepped down to 200 wagons per day from the 12th due to poor availability of labour to release the wagons.

WIRELESS OPERATORS WORKING ON TELEPRINTER; IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY

814. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-SUNDARAM :

SHRI T. K. SRINIVASAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the wireless operators in the Southern Railway are being made to work on teleprinters from the 17th November, 1969, although such duties do not form part of the normal duties of the wireless operators in all other zonal railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the wireless operators in the Southern Railway are also deployed for working on micro-wave teleprinters since they can work on land-line telegraphy, high frequency wireless etc. whereas the signallers cannot be called upon to work on wireless; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not granting special pay to the wireless operators working on teleprinters while special pay has been granted to several other categories in higher grades in that Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) :

(a) and (b) Normally, the Wireless Operators are working either on Wireless or on Teleprinting work in rotation

on Southern Railway. The position on the other Railways is being ascertained and the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No special pay has been granted to wireless operators working on Teleprinter work for the reasons that :—

(i) the scale of pay of Rs. 150-300 applicable to Wireless operators is higher than the scale of pay of Rs. 110-200 plus special pay of Rs. 15 P.M. applicable to Signallers working as Teleprinter Operators; and

(ii) on introduction of Micro-wave system on Southern Railway, Wireless Operators were rendered surplus, but they are, however, utilised on Teleprinting work, giving them full protection of the higher scale of Rs. 150-300 which they were enjoying before.

REVISION OF ELECTION SYMBOLS

815. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-SUNDARAM :

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the election symbols now allotted to the various parties in the coming General Elections; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS SALEEM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TRACTORS AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

816. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-SUNDARAM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :