

**MURDER OF SWEEPER BY G.R.P.
PERSONNEL**

8. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint was received by Government from the Northern Railwaymen's Union in the first week of April, 1970, to the effect that a sweeper was beaten to death and thrown out of a running train by G. R. P. personnel and his body was recovered near Sonapat Railway Station ;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted into the incident and the action taken against the culprits; and

(c) the details of the persons found guilty of the offence?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA):** (a) Yes.

(b) The inquest proceedings conducted by Government Railway Police revealed that this was a case of suspected suicide. The police investigation is still in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

DISTRIBUTION OF STEEL

9. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1970 and state :

(a) whether Government have come to any conclusion in regard to the change in the distribution policy of steel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY
ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHA-
FI QURESHI):** (a) and (b) The review of the system of distribution of steel has not been finalised as yet.

SYSTEM OF CASTEISM IN THE COUNTRY

10. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
**SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-
SUNDARAM :**

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

(a) the positive steps taken by the Central Government to put an end to

the system of casteism in the country State-wise and year-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the tangible results achieved in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHUL-
RENU GUHA):** (a) and (b) The problem of untouchability has been tackled by means of legal measures, propaganda and welfare programmes for the social, educational and economic uplift of the Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes. These measures are being expanded under the Fourth Plan. Some State Governments have, however, introduced financial and other incentives to encourage inter-caste marriages.

BASIS FOR PROMOTIONS IN THE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS

11. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether promotions in the Mechanical and Electrical Departments (Technical) in the Indian Railways are made on the basis of educational qualifications ;

(b) whether educational qualifications are taken into account for promotions in the Gazetted cadres; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what is the reason for discrimination between Gazetted and Non-Gazetted cadres in the matter of promotions?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA):** (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STEEL PLANT AT BAILADILLA

**12. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken to set up a steel plant at Bailadilla; and

(b) if so, the time by when the construction work is likely to be started there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) No Sir. It is not proposed to take up construction of Steel Plant at Bailadilla during the Fourth Plan. Bailadilla along with other suitable sites in the country will be considered for future Steel Plants that may be set up during subsequent plan periods.

PRACTICE OF FORCED LABOUR IN INDIA

13. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in the country where the practice of forced labour is in vogue; and

(b) the steps so far taken to abolish the said practice, the results achieved therefrom and the details of further programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA): (a) Under article 23 of the Constitution, traffic in human being and begar and other similar forms of forced labour are prohibited and any contravention of this provision is an offence punishable in accordance with law. However, the system of bonded labour is prevalent in some States, e.g., Orissa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The State Governments are fully seized of the problem and have taken various executive and legislative measures to combat this evil. A statement showing these various measures is placed on the Table of the House. [See. Appendix LXXII, Annexure No. 1.] Various welfare programmes for the social, educational and economic uplift of the affected people are in progress and these are being further expanded under the Fourth Plan.

GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

14. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increase in the number of students belonging to the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Government propose to increase the amount of scholarships to such students; and

(b) if so, to what extent and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA): (a) and (b) The scholarships to the Other Backward Classes are awarded from 1969-70 by the State Governments from their resources and they are free to lay down their own standards including the rates of scholarships.

As regards the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes the terms of award including rates of post-matric scholarships are laid down by the Centre. The Central Government also meets the increase in expenditure over the 1968-69 level committed to the States' budgets. The question of increasing the rates of scholarships was considered but could not be agreed to due to financial constraints.

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15. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल विभाग अब तक इस नियम का अनुकरण करता रहा है कि एक बैंडर की मृत्यु हो जाने पर उसका लाइसेंस उसके उत्तराधिकारियों को स्थानान्तरित कर दिया जाये ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में यह नियम बनाया गया है कि लाइसेंस केवल बड़े ठेकेदारों को ही दिये जाय; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में नियमों में परिवर्तन किये जाने के कारण क्या है ?