

6. दिल्ली-फिरोजपुर.
7. लखनऊ, मुरादाबाद, इलाहाबाद
8. हवड़ा-सियालदह
9. आसनसोल, धनबाद, आदरा, दानापुर
10. बिलासपुर, चक्रधरपुर, नागपुर (द० पू०)
11. खुर्दा, वाल्टेरु, खड़गपुर
12. शोलापुर, हबली, गुन्तकल्लु, मैसूर
13. विजयवाड़ा, मद्राम, सिकन्दराबाद
14. औलववकोड, मदुरै, तिरुच्चिरा-पल्ली
15. लखनऊ, इज्जतनगर, वाराणसी, समस्तीपुर (पूर्वोत्तर)
16. कटिहार, अलिपुरदुआर, लमडिग, तिनसुखिया (पूर्वोत्तर सीमा)

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This had been indicated during the last series of meetings of Consultative Committees of Members of Parliament for the Zonal Railways, held in April-May, 1970. Sixteen Regional Committees are proposed to be constituted to cover the regions indicated in the statement which is laid on the Table of the Sabha. Action is being taken by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs to nominate Members of Parliament to these committees.

STATEMENT

Grouping of divisions of Indian Railways into Regions for the purpose of meetings with Members of Parliament

1. Bhavnagar & Rajkot.
2. Bombay Central, Baroda.
3. Bhusaval, Bombay V.T., Nagpur (C).
4. Jabalpur, Jhansi.
5. Jodhpur, Bikaner, Ratlam, Kota, Ajmer, Jaipur.

†[] English translation.

6. Delhi, Ferozepur
7. Lucknow, Moradabad, Allahabad.
8. Howrah, Sealdah.
9. Asansol, Dhanbad, Adra, Danapur.
10. Bilaspur, Chakradharpur, Nagpur (SE).
11. Khurda, Waltair, Kharagpur.
12. Sholapur, Hubli, Guntakal, Mysore.
13. Vijayawada, Madras, Secunderabad.
14. Olavakkot, Madurai, Trichurapally.
15. Lucknow, Izatnagar, Varanasi, Samastipur (NE).
16. Katihar, Alipurduar, Lumding, Tinsukia (NF).]

BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS HARDWAR

*178. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

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

(a) whether the workers of Bharat Heavy Electricals, Hardwar have submitted a memorandum to Government regarding their demands;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the workers; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXIII, Annexure No. 30.]

MANUFACTURE OF BOILER QUALITY PLATES

*179. SHRI DEV DATT PURI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that public sector steel plants booked orders for Boiler Quality Plates several years back;

(b) whether it is a fact that much progress has not been made in manufacturing these plates on a commercial scale;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a heavy drain of foreign exchange is involved in the import of these plates; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take for the large scale manufacture of these plates in India?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Rourkela Steel Plant is the only steel plant in the Public Sector so far which is capable of producing Boiler Quality plates. They have been booking orders and making supplies ever since they went into production. The plates are being produced on a commercial scale.

(c) Imports of different categories of steel, including Boiler Quality plates, are allowed at present as demand exceeds indigenous availability, subject to limitations of Foreign Exchange availability etc.

(d) At present Tata Iron & Steel Co. are also producing this category of plates. The availability is expected to improve when Rourkela reaches its rated capacity of 1.8 million ingot tonnes per annum. The position is expected to ease further when Bokaro goes into production. The addition of a plate mill at Bhilai to produce this as well as other categories of plates, is being contemplated as part of its proposed expansion.

CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY POSTS INTO PERMANENT

*180. **SHRI T. V. ANANDAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total number of temporary posts converted into permanent ones on the Indian Railways since the issue of his directive *vide* Railway Board's letter

No. E(NG)169CN5/31, dated 13th March 1970, railway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

RAILWAY QUARTERS

336. **SHRI T. V. ANANDAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of residential quarters available for Railwaymen in the country as on the 31st December, 1969, and

(b) the number out of them which were built (i) prior to 1900 (ii) between 1901 and 1930 and (iii) between 1931 and 1969?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) 5,13,922.

(b) In the absence of records pertaining to the periods indicated, it is not possible to furnish this information.

CANTEEN BOYS STATIONED AT RANAGHAT JUNCTION

337. **SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of canteen boys who are stationed at Ranaghat Junction on the Sealdah section of the Eastern Railway;

(b) the details of the remuneration given to each of them during the twelve months from the 1st of April, 1969 to 31st March, 1970; and

(c) the nature of their tenure of service regarding permanency, transferability and prospects of promotion and the details of amenities extended to them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) No Railway canteen exists at Ranaghat Junction.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.