

(c) the number of gazetted posts which were so created and are still continuing in spite of the bifurcation scheme having been dropped?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) A proposal to bifurcate the Delhi Division of the Northern Railway was last considered in 1965, but it was decided that for the time being it would suffice to strengthen the Delhi Division organisationally instead of bifurcating it.

(b) As the proposal to bifurcate the division was not approved, the question of any economy due to dropping the same does not arise.

(c) No additional gazetted posts were created in anticipation of bifurcation, but four posts were sanctioned for organisationally strengthening the division, which are continuing at present.

EXPORT MARKET FOR TEA

691. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give substantial rebate in export duty in tea and refund of excise duties already levied on them in order to boost the export of tea ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative whether any other alternative schemes are under Government's consideration to gain the lost market ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration to give any rebate in export duty on tea or a refund of excise duty to boost tea exports. The tea industry has, however, been invited to propose an acceptable formula for giving relief to the tea producers based on their export performance, the relief thus given being specifically earmarked for developmental programmes of the tea gardens. No export market for Indian tea has been lost.

DELAY IN ISSUE OF TICKETS

692. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers going to the South and Bombay are put to great difficulty due to the undue delay in issuing tickets at the counter of the Delhi Railway Booking Office especially during the rush season; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government to simplify the procedure so that not more than 2 minutes are taken for the issue of ticket?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Every effort is made to issue tickets without delay to passengers going to the South and Bombay at the counters of the Delhi Railway Booking Offices but during periods of rush despite the opening of additional counters the waiting time in the queue does become irksome. There is however no undue delay in the actual process of issue of tickets.

(b) Work Study methods are being used to streamline the procedures for issue of journey and reservation tickets so that the waiting time in the queue may be reduced to the maximum extent possible but it is unlikely to reach the stage where during periods of rush it may be practicable to reduce the waiting time to two minutes.

अभ्रक के निर्यात में कमी

693. श्री रेवती कान्त सिंह :

श्री राजनारायण :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि, अमरीका तथा रूस में भारतीय अभ्रक को खरीदने के लिए कोई विशेष उत्साह नहीं है तथा विदेशों में भारतीय अभ्रक के निर्यात में बहुत अधिक कमी हो गई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारतीय अभ्रक के निर्यात में कमी का अब सबसे बुरा