

Rs. 8 crores for supply during 1969 have so far been secured.

CLASSIFICATION OF T.T.ES. AS CONDUCTORS

414. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Manager, Northern Railway had vide his Order No. 758/E/9-V(EIC), dated 18th July, 1964 decided as a general policy that the T.T.ES working in sleeper coaches are to be classified as conductors and the posting of Grade II T.T.ES as conductors on 2-tier coaches should be regularised;

(b) if so, what is the strength of conductors in each of the above-mentioned three grades with effect from 18th July, 1964;

(c) whether the T.T.ES work as conductors on the basis of above Order have been paid their salary as such and if so, from which date; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (d). The General Manager, Northern Railway, issued instructions on 18-7-64 that normally Conductors Grade I Rs. 250-380 should work the entire Mail or Express trains and Conductors Grade II Rs. 205-280 and Grade III Rs. 150-240 should work on Sleeper coaches on Mail trains and Express and

Passenger trains, respectively. Before these orders could be implemented, a clarification was issued by the Railway Board that special TTEs and not Conductors should be posted to man the Sleeper coaches. The Northern Railway had, therefore, to cancel their orders of 18-7-64. Consequently, there is no question of operating posts of Conductors in Sleeper Coaches with effect from 18-7-64 or making payment to such TTEs in the scales applicable to Conductors.

DIVISIONAL SYSTEM IN NORTH-EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

415. SHRI G. BARBORA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that divisional system is going to be introduced in the North-east Frontier Railway very soon; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the said Railway propose to have the divisional headquarters at Gauhati and Tinsukia for administrative efficiency in the Assam region?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) Gauhati will not be the Headquarters of a division. The Lumding operating district in the Assam region is being upgraded to a full Division with headquarters at Lumding. Tinsukia will be the headquarters of a Transportation Division, till the work load justifies its becoming a full division.

आर्थिक मामलों सम्बन्धी भारत-लंका संगठन

80. श्री राम सहाय: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने आर्थिक मामलों के सम्बन्ध में कोई भारत-लंका संगठन बनाया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो संगठन के सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं और क्या उस संगठन ने अब तक कोई उपयोगी कार्य किया है ?

INDO-CEYLONSE ORGANISATION RELATING TO ECONOMIC MATTERS

80. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formed any Indo-Ceylonese organisation relating to economic matters; and

(b) if so, the name of the member of the organisation and whether some useful thing has since been done by the organisation?

वैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूति मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्रीधर राम सेवक) : (क) तथा (ख) नई दिल्ली में मई-जून 1968 में भारत सरकार तथा श्री लंका सरकार के प्रतिनिधियों के बीच हुई बातचीत के फल-स्वरूप आर्थिक सहयोग सम्बन्धी एक संयुक्त समिति स्थापित करने का निश्चय किया गया था जिसे आर्थिक तथा वाणिज्यिक क्षेत्रों में

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‡ English translation.