

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantum of overtime payment is on the increase on the Railways;

(b) whether there has been any change in the rules for overtime payment; and

(c) whether any advice has been given to the different zonal Railways regarding overtime payment?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir, there have been changes in the procedure of calculation of overtime under the Hours of Employment Regulations and the Factories Act.

(c) Instructions have been issued to Railways from time to time to bring down the incidence of overtime by taking all possible steps.

LONG HALTAGE OF PASSENGERS AT PALANPUR JUNCTION

***504. DR. B. N. ANTANI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that at Palanpur Junction of Western Railway, on account of want of connections, halt of about 11 hours each way for passengers to and from Kutch for North is necessary without any amenities for their stay;

(b) whether it is a fact that the small waiting room at Palanpur Junction for 1st and 2nd class passengers is usually occupied by Railway officials and the passengers during the long halt cannot avail of it; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to avoid the long halts at Palanpur Junction for passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (c) Adequate waiting facilities

have been provided at Palanpur for all classes of passengers including those travelling from North towards Kutch and vice versa. For passengers coming from North towards Kutch a waiting from 22 minutes to 7 hours and 25 minutes is involved whereas in the reverse direction, it ranges from 3 hours 48 minutes to 10 hours and 33 minutes. Reduction in waiting period is not feasible on account of large scale changes involved in the existing Time Table of main line trains.

(b) No, Sir.

EXPORT OF TRUCKS TO EASTERN EUROPE

***505. SHRI M. C. SHAH:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any India-made trucks were exported to East-European countries during the year 1966-67; and

(b) if so, what was the amount of foreign exchange earned as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately Rs. 8 lakhs.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ENGINEERING WAGE BOARD

***506. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendation of the Engineering Wage Board regarding interim relief has been fully implemented by the authorities of the Heavy Electricals, Hardwar;

(b) if so, when it was implemented and to what extent increment has been given in different cadres;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons for