

†[DEMAND FOR D.A. BY NORTHERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES UNION

802. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railway Employees Union have recently demanded that the dearness allowance to the Railway employees should be given in accordance with the Index number; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this connection?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एन० पुनाचा) :

(क) जहाँ तक रेल प्रशासन का मालूम है उत्तर रेलवे कर्मचारी यूनियन नाम की कोई यूनियन उस रेलवे पर नहीं है और न ही इस प्रकार की यूनियन से कोई ऐसी मांग आयी है ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) As far as the Railway Administration is aware, there is no Union with the name "Northern Railway Employees Union", functioning on that Railway nor any such demand has been received from such a Union.

(b) Does not arise]

CEMENT FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

803. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the demand of 17.42 lakh tonnes of cement sponsored by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power for irrigation projects in the year 1966-67 only 13.59 lakh tonnes of cement was supplied for the purpose; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The short-fall in the supplies against allotments to the Irrigation and Power projects in the year 1966-67 was due to lack of sufficient orders by the indentors as they did not have sufficient funds at their disposal and hence they could not lift the allotted quota in full.

STEEL FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

804. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the demand of 67,464 tonnes of steel made by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power for their projects in the year 1966-67, only 40,850 tonnes of steel was supplied to them; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) and (b) For the year 1966-67, the demand received from the Central Water and Power Commission of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power was 81,821 tonnes, against which an allocation of 40,850 tonnes for the Water Wing and 17,610 tonnes for the Power Wing were made. The entire quantity asked for could not be allocated as the production was not sufficient to meet the full demand.

SCHEME FOR TRAINING OF TRAFFIC APPRENTICES FOR PROMOTION TO GAZETTED RANKS

805. DR. ANUP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme to secure higher qualified per-