

	(Distance in Kilometres)		
	New lines (From MG to BG)	Conversions	Total
(b) (i) Defence and Strategic Lines . . . . .	593·00	62·00	655·00
(ii) Industrial purposes and developing potentially rich agro-industrial tracts . . . . .	2367·00	..	2367·00
(iii) Operational considerations . . . . .	720·00	368·00	1088·00
TOTAL . . . . .	3680·00	430·00	4110·00

**DUTIES OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL MANAGERS, GRADE I AND II OF STC**

613. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Grade I Assistant Divisional Manager in State Trading Corporation is Rs. 400—900 and the pay scale of Grade H Assistant Divisional Managers is Rs. 350—830;

(b) whether there is any difference in the work and responsibilities of Grade I and Grade II ADMs:

(c) whether there have been cases where charge of ADM I has been transferred to ADM II and vice versa; and

(d) what are the reasons for keeping two Grades of ADMs ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The pay scale of A.D.M. Grade I is Rs. 400—950 and that of A.D.M. Grade II is Rs. 350—830.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The higher scale of Rs. 400—950 is intended for direct recruitment of persons with good potentialities as managers and for promotion of employees after they have acquired the requisite experience. The lower grade is offered to promotees, though direct recruitment is also not barred.

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**RETRENCHMENT IN JUTE MILLS IN WEST BENGAL**

524. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over forty thousand workers in the Jute Mills of West Bengal are facing retrenchment due to the proposal to seal 15 per cent of the looms; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Madam. There is no proposal to seal 15 per cent of the looms in the jute mills in West Bengal.

(b) Does not arise.

**CONDONATION OF BREAK IN SERVICE OF LILUAH WORKSHOPS WORKERS**

614. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the workers of Eastern Railway Workshops, Liluah, requesting for condonation of the break in service, imposed on them for absence from duty due to the lock out and strike in December, 1963; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon and when?

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