

(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) a revision in the pay scales;

(ii) a redistribution of the Railway Officers' cadres to provide for a higher percentage of Administrative Grade posts; and

(iii) liberalisation of the terms of deputation of Railway Officers to other Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings.

DE-LICENSING OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY

283. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to de-licence textile industry as suggested by Swaminathan Committee;

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken; and

(c) what are the branches of the industry that are likely to be covered by de-licensing?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal to de-licence textile industry is still under consideration of Government.

†AREA OF RAILWAY LAND UNDER CULTIVATION

20. SHRI U. S. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the decision taken by Government last year to put the areas of Railway land on the side of the Railway tracks under cultivation in order to increase food production, such areas have since been demarcated and allotted for cultivation; and

(b) if so, the area of such land brought under cultivation in each State and Union Territory?

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

(b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Name of the States and Union Territories	Lands(exclusive of the area handed over to the State Govts.) allotted to the cultivators and Railway employees directly by the Railways
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	(Areas on acres)
1. Andhra Pradesh	283.79 approx.
2. Assam	1595.00 "
3. Bihar	4645.00 "
4. Gujarat	705.61 "
5. Jammu & Kashmir	
6. Kerala	278.00 "
7. Madras	395.31 "
8. Maharashtra	1134.94 "
9. Mysore	544.60 "
10. Madhya Pradesh	851.96 "
11. Nagaland	
12. Orissa	900.36 "
13. Punjab	15.00 "
4. Haryana	
15. Rajasthan	341.46 "
16. Uttar Pradesh	4905.91 "
17. West Bengal	4532.05 "
1. Himachal Pradesh	
2. Manipur	
3. Delhi	
4. Tripura	
5. Goa	
6. Pondicherry	
7. Chandigarh	
TOTAL	21,128.99 "

†Transferred from the 7th November, 1966.