

to Question,

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY
ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY
(SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a)

(Ton nes per
acre per
annum)

- (i) Bombay...
- (ii) Goa ...
- (iii) Kathiawar . . .
- (iv) Kharaghoda . .
- (v) Kandla-Cutch . .

(b) The cost of production of salt at the Government salt works, Kharaghoda was Rs. 17.38 per tonne during 1962-63; it was Rs. 18.50 (provisional) during 1963-64. The cost of production of salt in the private sector is not available, as the producers are generally reluctant to divulge the information.

(c) The percentage of sodium chloride content of salt produced in Bombay, Kathiawar, Kharaghoda and Kandla-Cutch varies from 95 to 97 per cent.; that of salt produced in Goa varies 'from 93 to 94 per cent.

UPGRADING IN GORAKHPUR WORKSHOP

381. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons for which twenty per cent upgrading could not be fully implemented in the Gorakhpur workshop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): The posts in the higher grades have to be earmarked in consultation with the recognised labour unions and the incumbent have also to be trade tested, and these processes have taken time.

BOOKING AND DELIVERY OF PERISHABLE AT NIGHT

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

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that non-booking

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and non-delivery of perishable goods, particularly, vegetables and other eatables, during night hours causes loss to cultivators as well as consumers; and

(b) if so what are the difficulties in permitting booking and delivery of such commodities by parcel trains during the night hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No complaint about difficulty in booking or delivery of perishable goods during night hours has been brought to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN MADHYA PRADESH

383. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have decided to extend some railway line in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : The following new railway lines falling wholly or partly in Madhya Pradesh have been approved for construction during the Third Plan and are, at present, under construction

1. Singrauli-Obra.
2. Singrauli-Katni.
3. Guna-Maksi.
4. Bailadilla-Kottavalasa.

The proposals for construction of new railway lines during the Fourth Plan are yet to be finalised in conjunction with the Planning Commission and the other concerned Ministries.

TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF FORKLIFT TRUCKS

384. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some months ago Government issued a