

ARRANGEMENT FOR STORING PARCELS AT DELHI STATION

*234. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the arrangements made for storing the parcels awaiting transit at the Delhi railway station platforms and the measures adopted for their safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : The transit parcels at Delhi railway station are unloaded from trains, sorted out and then immediately transferred to the concerned platforms for onward despatch to respective destinations. These parcels are not required to be stored.

Railway Protection Force staff are posted on the various platforms to look after the safety of these parcels while awaiting despatch by the respective trains.

UPGRADATION OF POSTS

of SHRI D. THEN GARI;
SHRI G. K. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in upgradation of posts, the percentage allotted to commercial section is not at par with that of the operating branch; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The scales of pay allotted to the staff in the Commercial and the Operating Departments are those recommended by the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission and correspond to the duties and responsibilities attached to

their posts. The percentages laid down for distribution of their posts are according to the worth of charges of the posts in the different grades. Comparison between the scales of pay and the percentages allotted to the staff in the Commercial and Operating Departments would not be quite equitable.

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN HUBLI AND KARWAR

*236. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have considered the claim of Mysore State for a new railway line between Hubli and Karwar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : The proposal for the Hubli-Karwar new railway line can be considered only in the context of development of Karwar as a major port for large scale export of iron ore, of which there are no indications at present.

TEXTILE MACHINERY FROM JAPAN

*237. SHRI P. THANULINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile machinery from Japan under the S.T.C./J.T.M.M.A. agreement has been purchased; and

(b) if so, the names of mills to which this machinery has been allotted by the Textile Commissioner?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY) : (a) Purchase of textile machinery under the S.T.C./J.T.M.M.A. agreement has not yet been effected.

(b) Does not arise.

TRADE IN S.E. ASIA

*238. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether and if so, to what extent, the price-cutting anti