

SURVEY OF RURAL INDEBTEDNESS

f SHRI M. C. SHAH: 454\ \ SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has conducted a survey of rural indebtedness recently.

(b) whether a similar survey was conducted by the Bank about a decade earlier; and

(c) what are the findings of the two surveys and how do they compare?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India conducted an All India Rural Debt and Investment Survey in 1961-62 with the object of obtaining reliable estimates regarding debt, borrowings, repayments and other important aspects of rural economy. The All India Rural Credit Survey conducted, by the Reserve Bank of India in 1951 covered a wider field and included rural indebtedness. The results of the recent survey are being tabulated and as such a comparison is not now possible.

LOADING LINES IN BOX WAGONS

f SHRI BANSI LAL:

•455. J SARDAR RAGHBIR / SINGH PANJHAZARI;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering, at the meeting held on 6th February, 1964, with the representatives of the coal industry, advised Railways to revise the loading lines in Box wagons in consultation with the Coal Controller; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY) ; (a) and (b) The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering held a meeting with the Joint Working Committee of the Coal Industry, at which it was decided that the Coal Controller would arrange for the Coal Board to calibrate coals according to the specific gravity of coal mined by collieries loading BOX wagons, with a view to authorising these collieries to vary the actual loading above or below the loading lines marked in BOX wagons, according to the height permitted by the specific gravity of the coal mined by each colliery. This decision is being implemented by the Coal Controller and the Coal Board.

REST-GIVER STATION MASTERS IN EASTERN RAILWAY

•456. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Rest-giver Station Masters in the scale of Rs. 150-240 on the Eastern Railway (Division-wise); and

(b) whether the existing number of Rest-giver Station Masters in each division is adequate, inadequate or in excess of the exact requirement on the basis of the Adjudicators Award; and

(c) if there is a shortfall of Rest-giver Station Masters, when and how the Eastern Railway Administration proposes to make up the shortfall?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) :

| (a) | Division | Number |
|-----|----------|----------|
| | Howrah | 17 |
| | Sealdah | 9 |
| | Asansol | 6 |
| | Dhanbad | 8 |
| | Dinapore | 9 |
| | | <hr/> 49 |