DEPARTMENTAL CATERING ON RAILWAYS

34. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the departmental catering on railways is running at a loss;

(b) whether in order to make up the loss on departmental catering, the Railway Administration has increased the prices of articles supplied by it to authorised vendors; and

(c) if the answer to part Ob) above be in the affirmative, whether the articles are being sold at railway platforms by authorised vendors at higher prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes.

Ob) and (c) Some increases in prices of articles such as sweets, narnkins, etc. have become inevitable in *iew of the steep increase in the prices of the basic materials used in the preparation of the above-mentioned articles and not just to make up the losses in departmental catering. Even after the aforesaid enhancement, the prices generally are not high when compared to the prices charged by private catering establishments outside railway premises.

खानपान विभाग द्वारा दिल्ली में विक्रेताओं को कमीशन का भुगतान

३५. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में रेलवे खान-पान विभाग द्वारा विक्रेताओं को उसके कमीशन का भुगतान दो-तीन मास तक नहीं किया जाता है यदि ऐसा है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) कलकत्ता, बम्बई व मद्रास में कमीशन के भुगतान की जो प्रणाली है क्या वह वैसी ही है जैसी दिल्ली में है, और यदि नहीं, तो उनमें क्या अन्तर है और उन में से कौनसी प्रणाली अधिक सुविधाजनक है ; और

(ग) दिल्ली में विक्रेताओं को शीघ्रता से भुगतान करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही करने का सरकार का इरादा है ?

t [PAYMENT OF COMMISSION TO VENDORS IN DELHI BY CATERING DEPARTMENT

35. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vendors in Delhi are not paid their commission for two to three months by the Railway Catering Department, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the system of payment of commission obtaining in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras is similar to that obtaining in Delhi; and if not, what is the difference between them and which one is more convenient; and

(c) what steps are under contemplation of Government to make payment to vendors expeditiously in Delhi?]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : (क) उत्तर रेलवे की दिल्ली और नयी दिल्ली स्थित खान-पान सिब्बन्दियों के विक्रेताओं को मासिक आधार पर कमीशन दिया जाता है । जिस महीने का कमीशन होता है, उसके दो महीने के भीतर उसका भुगतान कर दिया जाता है । केवल फरवरी, १९६२ का कमीशन २–५–६२ को दिया गया ।

†[ ] English translation.