

(xvii) To do such other things as may be assigned to him and may be incidental or conducive to the industries programme in the BLOCK.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: In how many Blocks are these officers functioning at present, and what is the longest period for which they have been functioning?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: They have been functioning since 1958, and they are functioning in 1,230 Blocks.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any appreciable progress has been made by them in their efforts to organise small-scale industries?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: Yes, Sir.

GLIDING CLUBS

*318. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Gliding Clubs were provided with gliders and winches to start gliding during the year 1959-60 and how many are proposed to be so provided during the current financial year; and

(b) whether any flying clubs in India have asked the Central Government for help in establishing gliding wings with their power-flying programme; if so, what help is proposed to be given to these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) It is proposed to loan Gliders and Winches to at least three new gliding organisations in the current financial year, if sufficient equipment becomes available.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some of the Flying Clubs have expressed interest in establishing Gliding Wings. It is proposed to loan Gliders and Winches to these Clubs as soon as the equipment becomes available and also to grant subsidy and subvention to them under the Subsidy Scheme for Gliding Clubs.

SHRI BIREN ROY: What are the gliding clubs which are going to be supplied with gliders and winches during the current year?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: Well, Sir, I cannot say offhand but as far as I know, some of the clubs have asked for them and those who have asked for them will get them.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Is it a fact that the Bengal Gliding Association with one hundred members, which has been approved also by the Directorate, has been asking for the last two years to let it have a glider and a winch and that they have now been asked to provide them themselves?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I will find out what can be done.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Is it a fact that even gliders which are being manufactured in India are not being supplied to the gliding institutions in the country, except the Air Force?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: Well, Sir, we try to do whatever we can, whatever is possible.

उत्तर रेलवे के मेकेनिकल ड्राफ्ट्समैन

*३१६. श्री नवाबसिंह खीहान :
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर रेलवे के २६०-३५० रुपये के ग्रेड के कुछ मेकेनिकल ड्राफ्ट्समैन को छांट करने वाले बोर्ड के सामने जाने से विमुक्त कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो अब तक कितने लोगों को विमुक्त किया गया है, उन्हें कब विमुक्त किया गया और किन कारणों से ; और

(ग) क्या २००-३०० रुपये के ग्रेड के मेकेनिकल चार्जमैन को भी विमुक्त किया गया है, और यदि नहीं, तो इसका क्या कारण है ?