

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को अब तक इस संघ में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार पर्यवेक्षक तथा अन्य सभी कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने का एवं उन्हें तत्काल स्थानांतरित करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री श्रीधर जगन्नाथ शर्मा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) इस प्रकार की कोई घटना नोटिस में नहीं आई है ।

(ङ) संसद भवन बुकिंग कार्यालय में तैनात कर्मचारियों को समय-समय पर स्थानांतरित किया जाता है ।

Movement of trucks on Railway tracks

1264. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been studying a proposal to utilise spare railway trucks for movement of trucks carrying goods across the country, to help save fuel and reduce foreign debt burden and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the proposals and what decisions if any, has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from private party for movement of loaded trucks on flat wagons over the Railway system. The proposal envisages that the party will own its terminals and design and supply its own flats and locomotives for carrying the trucks. Party has been advised to furnish details about the location of terminals, technical details of the flat wagon, originating and destination points etc Decision can be

made after the party furnishes full details.

Public complaints against Railways

1265. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public complaints against the Railways are mounting on one count or the other;

(b) the number of complaints received from the public and the Member of Parliament in each of last three years and the ones that appeared in the newspapers; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a)

There is a decreasing trend in public complaints- from 22823 in 1991-92 to 21080 in 1992-93 and to 20805 in 1993-94. Whenever, complaints are reserved through MPs, general public newspapers etc. these are thoroughly investigated and necessary action is taken to prevent recurrence of the same.

Setting tin of locos shed at Aziinganj

1266. SHRI JOYANTA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) under what circumstances Government wound up the locos shed and the Workshop at Aziinganj under Howrah Division (Eastern Railway) and whether Government have any scheme to utilise the vast tract of land on which these two were situated; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to set up any Diesel shed at Aziinganj to take up the work of repairing of Diesel Engines running on the BAK Loop line as and when required?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) In line with the Railways' policy to phase out steam locomotives, steam loco-shed at Aziinganj was closed in 1986,

There, was no workshop at Azimganj. The land is to be utilized for storage of Railway material.

(b) The three diesel sheds at Bardhaman, Andal & Malda Town which are in close vicinity of Azimganj are considered adequate to meet the maintenance requirement of diesel locomotives working on BAK loop section. There is, therefore, no justification for setting up a mini diesel shed at Azimganj.

Re-installation of bridge over river Bhagirathi at Azimganj

1267. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a railway bridge over the river Bhagirathi at Azimganj Junction under Eastern Railway connecting Sealdah-Lalgaon section directly with the north-eastern part of the country during the second World War;

(b) if so, why was the bridge dislodged; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal pending for re-installation of the bridge for connecting Lalgaon section with Azimganj junction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Non-placement of order on wagon industry

1268. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal met the Prime Minister on 4th July, 1994 to highlight the issue of non-placement of orders on wagon industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress, if any, made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through a memorandum dated 4.7.94 submitted to Prime Minister, intervention was sought in the matter of placement of wagon orders.

(c) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has already been apprised of the current scenario of wagon procurement. Wagon procurement depends upon traffic needs. Wagon availability is sufficient to meet the present requirements. The placement of further wagon orders can only be considered if so warranted by the traffic demands.

Vacant posts of SCs/STs

1269. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts reserved for SCs and STs lying vacant in the Western Railways at present; and

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Build-own-lease-Transfer Scheme

1270. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have identified several projects for private investment under the build-own-lease transfer scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.