

(ख) और (ग) सवाई माधोपुर-जयपुर एक मीटर लाइन खंड है न कि छोटी लाइन खंड। इस खंड पर 2 जोड़ी फास्ट पैसेंजर और 2 जोड़ी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियां चल रही हैं। मीटर लाइन के डीजल रेल इंजनों की अत्यधिक कमी के कारण, फिलहाल इस खंड की गाड़ियों को डीजल रेल इंजनों से चलाना व्यावहारिक नहीं है। 205/206 और 209/210 पैसेंजर गाड़ियों में वातानुकूल सवारी डिब्बों की व्यवस्था करना परिचालनिक दृष्टि से व्यावहारिक नहीं है क्योंकि ये धीमी गति से चलने वाली गाड़ियां हैं। मीटर लाइन के वातानुकूल सवारी डिब्बों की कमी के कारण 9717/9718 एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में भी वातानुकूल सवारी डिब्बों की व्यवस्था करना व्यावहारिक नहीं है।

सभी सवारी डिब्बों का अनुरक्षण याली सुविधा समिति द्वारा निर्धारित मानकों के अनुसार किया जाता है। बहरहाल, अत्यधिक वित्तीय तंगी के कारण कतिपय गतायु सवारी डिब्बों को सेवा में रखना पड़ता है।

इस खंड पर चलने वाली गाड़ियों के आरक्षित सवारी डिब्बों में रेल कर्मचारी तैनात किये जाते हैं।

(घ) जी नहीं।

नये रेल इंजन कारखाने की स्थापना

365. डा० रत्नाकर बाबडे :

श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने रेल इंजनों के निर्माण के लिए कोई नया रेल इंजन कारखाना स्थापित न किए जाने का निर्णय लिया है क्योंकि उसके गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को सौंपे जाने का विचार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) रेल इंजनों का निर्माण चित्तूरंजन रेल इंजन कारखाना, चित्तूरंजन और डीजल रेल इंजन कारखाना, वाराणसी में किया जाता है। इन युनिटों की क्षमता बढ़ाई जा रही है। बढ़ायी गई क्षमता से अतिरिक्त जहरतों के लिए, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र और निजी क्षेत्र में सभी स्रोतों का उपयोग करने का प्रस्ताव है। भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल लिमिटेड, भोपाल, जो सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एक उपक्रम है, भारतीय रेलों को पहले से ही इंजनों को सप्लाई कर रहा है।

Computerised passenger reservations in the railways

366. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched a massive plan for extending the computerised passenger reservations in the Railways, improving passenger services and making the system more customer-friendly; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Up-gradation and improvement of facilities at stations and in trains is a continuous process. Computerised reservation system is being gradually extended every year depending on reservation workload handled, subject to availability of funds. So far 36 stations have been either computerised or in the process of computerisation.

Abolishing Non-Functional Posts in the Railways

367. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for abolishing a number of non-functional posts created with a view to ensure promotional avenues in different services; if so, what are the details thereof and likely savings; and

(b) what other steps Government are taking to ensure a ten per cent cut in Government expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Posts are created on the basis of functional requirements and organisational needs.

(b) Cost reduction, cost control and economy measures are adopted commensurate with the level of operations.

Conversion of Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge

368. **SHRI P. UPENDRA :**
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert 6,000 KM of metre gauge line into broad gauge during Eighth Five Year Plan; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this decision is not in consonance with the earlier decision of the railways to strengthen the metre gauge network and make it as efficient as broad gauge, as done in some countries; and

(c) the reasons for the reversal of Government's earlier decision and for going in for large-scale conversion in spite of the resource crunch ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised. The Ministry of Railways are, however, considering conversion of 6,000 kms. of MG into BG during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Conversion is being considered in place of strengthening of the MG network so as to eliminate bottlenecks and hold-ups due to break of gauge and transshipment, and also help in the dispersal of trade and industry.

Reinstatement of dismissed railway employees

369. **SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :**
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the number of railway employees who had been dismissed for participating in the 1974 strike ;

(b) what is the number of such employees who have been reinstated till

date and whether any review was undertaken in this regard, if so, when; and

(c) by when the remaining railway employees are likely to be re instated indicating the number thereof, till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 16,898 railway employees were dismissed/removed in the context of May, 1974 strike.

(b) and (c) Instructions were issued in April, 1977 itself that all such employees should be reinstated forthwith. All had been taken back to duty except 16 employees, who could not be reinstated due to reasons beyond the control of Railway Administration, such as retirement, death, conviction by Courts, unwillingness and whereabouts not known.

Appointment of General Managers in the Railways

370. **SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that only officers with at least two years of service left before superannuation are considered for appointments as General Managers and for equivalent posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain officers have recently been appointed in violation of the said policy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that appointments have recently been made of persons as Members of the Railway Board and General Managers on ad hoc basis ignoring the claims of senior suitable and available General Managers;

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that such appointments have created discontentment among the officers of senior rank;

(f) if so, what action Government have taken to remedy the situation;

(g) whether such appointments have been made by the Government in accordance with the established procedures; and

(h) if not, the reasons for the deviation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Normally officers with two years service left are considered.