

(b) what were the annual losses on these monthlies during the last three years;

(c) if the answer to Part (a) above be in the negative, when the last issue was issued and when the next issue is likely to be brought out; and

(d) whether Railways propose to appoint a Publisher-Editor from outside the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) No.

(b) The figures of annual loss-is is as under:—

Year	Indian Railways	Bharatiya Rail
1980-81	Rs. 43,000	Rs. 71,000
1981-82	Rs. 1,15,000	Rs. 1,16,000
1982-83	Rs. 59,000	Rs. 96,000

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80-81	Rs. 43,000	Rs. 71,000
1981-82	Rs. 1,15,000	Rs. 1,16,000
-2-83	Rs. 59,000	Rs. 96,000

(e) In regard to 'Indian Railways' the last issue published is for Aug.-Sept '83 and the issues for Oct-Dec '83 and Jan-March '84 are under print and will be released very shortly.

Regarding 'Bhartiya Rail' December '83 issue has been put out. Jan-Feb-March '84 issue is in an advanced stage of printing will be released soon.

As of present the Editor for 'Indian Railways' has recently been placed in position, as selected from the Ministry of

(introduction of new train between Bombay VT and New Bongaigaon

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY Hi Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

whether Government are any tourists from Bombay. Nagpur, are unable to proceed to Dar-,nd North-Eastern States due to direct rail link; and her Government propose to new weekly deluxe train Bombay VT and New Bonga-

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present to run a weekly train between Bombay V.T. and New Bongaigaon for want of resources. However, travel facilities do exist to travel between Bombay/ Nagpur/Rourkela and Darjeeling|North- Eastern States with a change-over at Howrah.

#### Octors in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

510. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of medical officers and specialists doctors working under the Andaman and Nicobar Administration as on 31st March, 1984; and

(b) how many of them working on regular and how many on ad-hoc basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) There are 9 posts of Specialists Grade II in the scale of pay of Rs. 1100-1600, out of which only 5 posts are filled, a regular basis. In the category of Senior Medical Officer in the scale of pay of Rs. 1100-1600, out of 25 sanctioned posts, 18 posts are filled on regular basis

There are 36 posts of Medical Officer in the scale of pay of Rs. 700-1300 included in the Central Health Services, 14 of which are filled on regular basis and 22 have been filled on ad-hoc basis. In addition, there are 11 posts under his category which are not yet included in the Central Health Services and are filled on ad-hoc basis

#### Trained nurses in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

511. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA. Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to increase the number of trained full fledged Nurses in Andaman and Nicobar Islands from the Present 130, kept stagnant since last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD-BHEN M JOSHI): Yes, Sir.

#### **Railway Hospitals in Southern Railways**

512. SHRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of nurses vis-a-vis bed strength in the Railway Hospitals in Southern Railway;

(b) whether these hospitals are having full strength of nursing staff; and

(c) if not, what is the number of vacancies remaining unfilled, and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) 1: 3.2.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Manufacture of second class sleeper coaches without cushioned seats by Railways**

513. SHRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased

(a) whether it is a fact that the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Perambur has been directed to manufacture in future second class three tier coaches without cushioned seats

(b) whether Railways have decided to introduce second class coaches without cushioned berths for long distance and Super-fast trains; and

(c) whether, there, is any likelihood of a corresponding reduction in the railway fare

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. Cushioned are being provided on all the new coaches and cushioned berths are b(

provided on all new 2nd Class 3 tier coaches being built by the Integral Coach Factory, Madras.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### **Construction of railway overbridge on Salem-Bangalore Highway**

514. SHRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct an overbridge at the level crossing in Salem town on the Salem-Bangalore highway between Salem town and Sevvapet stations:

(b) the steps likely to be taken to expedite the construction of this overbridge in view of heavy traffic at this point;

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu have made any proposals in respect of this level crossing; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Grant of Uniform allowance to Station Masters in Railways**

515. SHRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand from the Railway Station Masters for the grant of Uniform Allowance or supply of unstitched cloth and stitching charges in lieu of ready made uniforms was considered;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ready-made uniforms are stitched through contractors and that the uniforms are not properly stitched;

(d) the number of station masters who Station Masters all over the country have been agitating against the supply of unsuitable uniforms;