

Appointments on Eastern Railway Station

167. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some ticket Collectors have been appointed at Sealdah and Howrah Stations on the Eastern Railway neither through Railway Service Commission nor through Employment Exchange; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Railway accidents

168. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: DR. BHAI

MAHAVIR:

SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEODHABE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of Railway accidents and dacoities that occurred, from 1st January, 1983 to 31st October, 1983 and what are the reasons for each of those accidents;

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(b) the total number of passengers killed and injured in the said accidents;

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any of the said accidents took place due to sabotage?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) During January to October, 1983, 616 train accidents

and 56 dacoities (upto September; took place on Indian Railways. These accidents were due to failure of railway staff, failure of persons other than railway staff, failure of equipment, sabotage and combination of track and rolling stock defects, etc.

(b) The number of passengers killed and injured in these accidents is as under: —

Killed 47

Injured 383

(c) 11 accidents have been attributed to sabotage/suspected sabotage.

(d) Some of the anti sabotage measures are: —

(i) Patrolling of track by engineering gangmen, village defence parties and home guards, and Police on vulnerable sections.

(ii) Guarding of vulnerable bridges.

(iii) Running of pilot or patrol special or Goods trains ahead of a passenger train when trouble on a section is specially apprehended.

(iv) Burring of fishbolts whereby after the nuts are tightened on the bolt, the threads are destroyed and the bolt cannot be removed without using a chisel.

(v) Reducing the number of fish-plated joints by welding of joints which also improves riding quality.

Suburban trains in Sealdah division

169. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that all suburban trains of Sealdah Division in Eastern Railway ran record late in the last eight months of 1983; and

(to) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) No, However, the punctuality performance of suburban trains of Sealdah Division has not been very satisfactory during last 8 months of 1983 mainly due to Signal and Telecommunication failure, unit failure. Over Head Equipment trouble/failure, accidents and repercussion thereof and miscreant activities etc.

Security deductions from the salaries of A.S.M.S.

170. SHRI HARISHANKAR BHABHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Personnel Branch of the DRM Office Allahabad has procured records of Security deductions etc. (from the salary¹ of ASMs etc. appointed before April 1, 1946) from the Secretary, ECCSICAL in Calcutta;

(b) whether the office of DRM Allahabad has since prepared a statement of payments to be made to the concerned employees and whether payments been made to each one of them, if so, on what date³ and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the dues to be paid to these retired persons relating to National Holiday Allowance, life Insurance deductions, reimbursement of tuition fees & ADA SI and by when they are likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Yes.

(b) All the concerned staff who are in service have been advised to collect their security deductions. In respect of the retired staff the payment orders are under issue. The information regarding exact dates of payment is being collected and will be laid in the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Absorption of casual labour in time scale posts in Eastern Railway

171. SHRI LAKHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual labour having more than 1400 working days under PWI Patna (Eastern Railway);

(b) what is the number of time-scale posts to be filled in 1979 from the eligible labour and the number of posts left unfilled;

(c) when the list of eligible casual labour for the rest of the above unfilled posts was sent for sanction to the office of Senior Divisional Engineer, Danapur; and

(d) what is the progress made so far, and what are the reasons for the extraordinary delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) 273.

(b) *i) 39.

(ii) Nil.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Who report on requirement of drugs

172. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH (A*JD) FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that only 200 drugs can cure most of the disease as stated by the World Health Organisation in its report on "Progress in Primary Health care", if so, what measures Government are taking to supply those drugs free to the different primary health centres of the country for the benefit of rural population while two thirds of them do not get even the most basic life