

Government, Union Territories and District Headquarters of State Governments in connection with their bonafide press work. This concession was withdrawn with effect from 1-11-1981 based on the recommendations of Rail Tariff Enquiry Committee. However, the facility of purchasing tickets through Rail Travel Coupons issued at full tariff rates is still available.

1824. (Transferred to the 19th August, 1983)

Doctors/Nurses leaving jobs for going abroad

1825. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors and nurses who left their jobs in Delhi hospitals to take up jobs abroad in 1982-83; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to fill those vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) Doctors and Nurses do not normally cite the reason for leaving their jobs. On the basis of the information available, one doctor and one staff Nurse from the Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayanan Hospital and one nurse from the New Delhi Municipal Corporation have left their jobs in Delhi hospitals and taken up jobs abroad in 1982-83.

(b) Prescribed procedures are being followed to fill up vacancies.

Restrictions on visits to Railway Platforms

1826. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have put any restrictions on visits to Railway platforms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated loss of revenue to railways as a result of reduction in the sale of platform tickets?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) Yes. In order to eliminate over-crowding at platforms and unauthorised persons getting into the trains at the last moment a scheme has been introduced, as an experimental measure, to restrict entry of persons other than the bonafide passengers on platform No. 1 at Madras Central railway station at the time of departure of 15 Dn. G. T. Express and 121 Dn. Tam Nadu Express trains. Platform Ticket Holders accompanying children, ladies without escort, patients, physically handicapped and aged persons are permitted alongwith bonafide passengers under this scheme. A similar scheme has also been introduced at New Delhi railway station at the time of departure of 122 Up Tamil Nadu Express w.e.f. 26-7-1983.

(c) A marginal fall to the tune of Rs. 35,417.50 in the sale proceeds of platform tickets at Madras Central station during the period February, 1983 to June, 1983 has been noticed as compared to corresponding period of last year. It may be added that this fall in the sale of platform tickets may not be entirely due to the above mentioned scheme. However, the scheme has been welcomed by the general public and the advantages flowing from it in the shape of orderliness at the platform, convenience to the bonafide passengers and control over the activities of anti-social elements out-weigh the financial considerations.

Vanaspati Samples

1827. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of samples of vanaspati collected by the Inspectors of