

due to suburban grouping in Pune and Bombay areas in the mornings hours. Intensive monitoring on both the BG and MG trains is proposed to be made to improve their punctuality.

Allotment of wagons to Punjab State

*97. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the shortage in the allotment of wagons to Punjab affecting the movement of soft coke, LPG and Kerosene to that State; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF); (a) and (b) The movement of Kerosene and LPG is arranged by the Oil companies to various States and the Railways only supply wagons at the loading points. During the last three months (January '81 to March '81) there was no shortage of wagons for loading of LPG and Kerosene. "Movement was less due to product shortage at the Refineries and labour problems at Koyali. During the months of January, February and March 1981, 450 wagons of soft coke were loaded for Punjab. They have asked for more which will be arranged as soon as overall loading of this commodity improves.

Circulation of Anti-India tapes in Pakistan and West Asia

*98. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH; SHRI N. K. P. SALVE;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the *Indian Express* of 30th March, 1981 under the caption "Anti-India tapes in circulation in Pakistan and West Asia";

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to counteract such mischievous propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These cassette recordings are essentially satirical narratives on important personalities and events. The references to India consist of crude jokes and film songs, satirising India and our Prime Minister.

(c) On the 4th of April 1981, our Embassy in Islamabad has lodged a strong protest with the Pakistan Foreign Office against the production of these cassettes. The Ministry of External Affairs protested to the Embassy of Pakistan in New Delhi on April 2nd. It was conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the production of such tapes is regrettable and not conducive to good neighbourly relations between the two countries. The Pakistani authorities were also requested to stop further production, recording, sale and export of such tapes.

दिल्ली में रेलवे बर्थों का आरक्षण

*99. श्री कलराज मिश्र : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दिल्ली में रेल आरक्षण में होने वाली अनियमितताओं की जानकारी है जिसके कारण साधारण जनता को अत्यधिक कठिनाई हो रही है और कर्मचारी अतिरिक्त भुगतान के बाद आसानी से आरक्षण कर रहे हैं,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार इस पर अपने गृहमन्त्र अतिकरणों के जरिये निगरानी रखने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कुछ तफ़्ती जारी पकड़े गये हैं ?

रेल संक्रान्त तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग
में उपर्युक्त (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क)
जो नहीं। परन्तु, अनियमितताओं
के कुछ मामले नोटिस में आये हैं।

(ख) विभिन्न एजेंसियों के माध्यम
से विशेष निगरानी रखा जा रही है।

(ग) जो हाँ।

**Department of the Northern Railway
Functioning of intelligence and crime**

-100. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH
HANSPAL: Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent by the
Northern Railways on TA and DA bills of its
intelligence and crime staff during the last
one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that invariably
some particular members of staff are sent to
various places for attending to the inquiries
and investigations while some others are
totally neglected in this regard depriving them
of any TA and DA whatsoever; and

(c) if so, what steps that are being
taken by Government to stop such
discrimination in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) The
amount spent on TA and DA bills was Rs.
69,126.66 and Rs. 94,275.86 for Crime
Intelligence Branch and Special Intelligence
Branch respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pay Scales of Goods Clerks

407. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether any rosters have been
maintained by the Northern Railway Bikaner
Division at Delhi Lahori Gate (MG) for the
Rest Givers (Goods

Clerks) in the pay scales of Rupees 330-560;

(b) if so, what are the details in this
regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chief
Goods Superintendent has approved the rest
give, scheme by providing rosters for them;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether railway administration has
received any complaint from the givers; and

(f) what action Government have taken
or propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to
(f) Information is being collected and will be
laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Accidents at railway level crossings

408. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
to state:

(a) what is the number of accidents
that have taken place at level cross-
ings in the Northern Railway Zone
during the last one year;

(b) what is the number of persons killed
in these accidents; and

(c) what preventive steps have been taken
by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a)
During the period 1-4-80 to 31-3-81, there
were 16 accidents at level crossings on the
Northern Railway.

(b) In these accidents, 27 persons were
killed.

(c) In order to avoid the accidents at level
crossings, the following measures have been
taken:

(i) Educative campaign amongst the
road users through various audio-visual
media.