

(b to (d) Every endeavour is made by railways to keep the railway station platform and railway tracks clean. Some of the important measures taken by the railways for maintaining high standard of cleanliness and hygiene at the stations are as follows:—

(i) Washable aprons have been provided on the tracks at important junction stations, terminal stations etc. to facilitate cleaning and washing of tracks.

(ii) Sanitary Inspectors with adequate sanitary staff have been posted at all important junction stations;

(iii) Their work is inspected regularly by the supervisory staff at the station.

(iv) Surprise inspections are made by the senior officials from the Divisional Headquarters, Zonal Headquarters and the Railway Board.

(v) To motivate the staff for achieving high standard of cleanliness, competition are arranged and trophies and other prizes are awarded to the best maintained stations for the staff working there.

(vi) Cooperation of the travelling public is sought in maintaining sanitary conditions at stations by exhorting them to desist from unhygienic habits.

(vii) Notices are displayed requesting passengers not to use toilet in coaches when the train is standing at a station.

(viii) Cleanliness drives are launched from time to time, to ensure proper cleaning and high standard of sanitation at the station.

Appointments made in N. F. Railway on compassionate ground

2092. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHAR-MA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of

persons appointed in the N.F. Railway during 1978, 1979 and 1980 on compassionate grounds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conversion of Hassan Mangalore Railway Line

2093. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister, of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Hassan-Mangalore railway line into broad gauge; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) A survey for conversion of the line has been sanctioned recently; it would be possible to take a decision only after the survey is completed and the report examined subject to clearance by the Planning Commission.

Health Institutes functioning without permanent Directors

2094. DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the institutions under his Ministry which do not have permanent Directors and the period of their vacancy; and

(b) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) There is no permanent Director as such in any institution under the charge of this Ministry. Therefore, the question of furnishing such information does not arise.