

(c) Government is examining the matter, taking into account the views of all interests concerned and also the position prevailing at other Dock Labour Boards.

Late running of Asansol and Black Diamond Express

319. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both Asansol Express and Black Diamond Express are running very late for the last six months;

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

(c) what steps have been taken to improve their punctuality and with what results;

(d) whether there is any proposal to halt Asansol Express at Andal station;

(e) if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Punctuality performance of 305/306 Asansol Express and 307/308 Black Diamond Express trains has, by and large, been satisfactory; despite various adverse factors. Punctuality of these trains was above 90 per cent in both Up and Down directions during periods December/79 to May/80.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Running of these trains as well as of other important trains is being watched daily and suitable action taken as warranted in cases of avoidable delay.

(d) The proposal is under examination and will be decided on merits.

(e) Does not arise.

Complaints against Inspector of Works (Railways), Madhubani

320. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Works (Railways) has been working at Madhubani on NER in Bihar for many years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that complaints have been made against him by the people of the area against his corrupt functioning; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for not taking any action against him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Shri Mathew worked as Assistant Inspector of Works at Madhubani on N.E. Railway from July 1968 to August 1976 and is now working as Inspector of Works Gr. II at the same place from August 1976 till date.

(b) A complaint of harassment was received from one Shri Ghoooran Mandal at Ghoghardiha.

(c) Investigation of the complaint referred to in (b) above by the Railway revealed that the complaint had no substance.

रह की गई रेलगाड़ियों का फिर से चलाया जाना

321. श्री कलराज मिश्र : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार रह की गई यात्री गाड़ियों को फिर से चलाने में असफल रही है जिसके परिणाम-स्वरूप यात्रियों की अत्यधिक कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) 1 जून, 1980 तक कितनी रद्द यात्री गाड़ियों को फिर से चलाया गया और कब तक सारी रद्द गाड़ियों के फिर से चलाये जाने की सम्भावना है?

†[Restoration of cancelled trains

321. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to restart the cancelled passenger trains and the passengers have to face great hardships as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of the cancelled passenger trains which have been reintroduced upto the 1st June, 1980 and by when all the cancelled trains are likely to be restarted?]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House]

उत्तर रेलवे में डकैती की घटनाएं

322. श्री कलराज मिश्र : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1980 से 31 मई, 1980 की अवधि के दौरान उत्तर रेलवे में रेलगाड़ियों में डकैती की कितनी

घटनाएं हुईं ये घटनाएं किन-किन स्थानों पर हुईं और इस सिलसिले में कितने व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया तथा उनके विरुद्ध सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे सुरक्षा बल यात्रियों तथा माल की सुरक्षा करने में बिल्कुल असफल रहा है; यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) रेलवे में डकैती निरोधक बल का गठन करने के सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

†[Dacoity incidents in Northern Railway

322. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is number of dacoities in the trains on the Northern Railway along with the names of places where these were committed during the period from 1st January, 1980 to 31st May, 1980, the number of persons apprehended therefor and the details of action taken by Government against them;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railway Protection Force has been a complete failure in providing security to the passengers and the goods; if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) what progress has been made regarding setting up of anti-dacoity force in the Railways?]