

Appointment as diplomats after retirement from Government service

*171. SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:
SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH:

SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the persons who are serving as diplomats after their retirement from Government service;

(b) what are the reasons for their having been re-employed in Foreign Service; and

(c) what is the number of these persons working as ambassadors and what are the names of the countries of their posting?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) to (c) (i) Shri R. Jaipal, Permanent Representative of India to the U.N., New York.

(ii) General T. N. Raina, High Commissioner of India, Ottawa (Canada).

Both officers are serving as Heads of Mission and were selected by Government for re-employment, keeping in view their experience, qualifications and suitability for the particular assignment.

*172. [Transferred to the 13th March, 1979].

वाराणसी से छपरा तक रेलवे लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में बदला जाना

*173. श्री रामेश्वर सिंह :

श्री बो० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ओडोहार-गाजीपुर तथा बलिया होते हुये वाराणसी से छपरा तक का रेलवे लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

†[Conversion of the railway line from Varanasi to Chhapra into a broad gauge line

*173. SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the conversion of railway line from Varanasi to Chhapra via Odihar-Ghazi-ipur and Ballia into a broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) (क)

और (ख) वाराणसी-छपरा मेटर लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने के लिए परिचालनिक आवश्यकता निर्धारित करने के उद्देश्य से सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है। इस काम को हाथ में लेने तथा उसके लिये समय निश्चित करने के बारे में निर्णय, सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो जाने के बाद ही किया जा सकेगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b) A survey to determine the operational need for conversion of Varanasi-Chhapra MG line into BG is in progress. Decision on taking up the work and its timing will be taken on completion of the survey.]

Demonstration by Indians at the Indian Embassy in Tehran

*174. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of about 500 Indians went on a sit-in demonstration at the Indian Embassy in Tehran; and

†[] English translation.