

Trains without guards and brake-vans

1167. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that trains are being run on many sections without guards and brake-vans resulting in thefts and pilferage, and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enquire into the responsibility of officials in this matter for thus aiding and abetting thefts of railway property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Trains are not normally run without guards or brake-vans. Under special instructions however, trains can be run without guards or brake vans in inescapable circumstances, which is permissible under the extent rules. Adequate precautions are taken in such cases to prevent thefts and pilferages.

(b) Does not arise.

Writ petition filed by commercial clerks in the S. E. Railways

1168. SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA MAHANTI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI DHANESWAR MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the writ petition in Original Jurisdiction Case No. 22 of 1976 filed by certain employees who were originally recruited as commercial clerks by the South Eastern Railway has been allowed; and

(b) if so, whether the Railway Administration have taken any action as per direction of the Court; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes.

(b) Action to implement the Court's decision is being processed.

Direct recruitment of technical posts on the Southern Railway

1169. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Telecommunication Maintainer (Trainees), Wireless Instrument Mechanics and Electrical Signal Maintainers on the Southern Railway at present for which direct recruitment, has been prescribed under the rules category-wise and Division-wise; and

(b) the reasons for not filling up the vacancies by direct recruits for the last several years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). A provision exists for filling up 50 per cent of the vacancies in the category of Telecom Maintainers, Wireless Mechanics and Electrical Signal Maintainers in scale of Rs. 260—400 by direct recruitment. As these are artisan categories, direct recruitment is resorted to only after trade testing and promoting all eligible staff in lower grades. In Mysore Division of Southern Railway 5 posts of Telecom Maintainers that fell vacant recently, mechanics and 2 of Electrical Signal Maintainers that fell vacant recently, have been earmarked for direct recruitment. Action is being taken to fill these vacancies.

Railway Lines for the Mining Areas in Madhya Pradesh

1170. SHRI BALRAM DAS:

SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct railway lines in the Mining areas in Madhya Pradesh?