

Recruitment of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Eastern Railway

1754. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies filled during 1977 by promotion and direct recruitment in each class and category in the Asansol, Sealdah, Calcutta, Dhanbad, Danapur, Howrah and Mughalsarai Divisions of the Eastern Railway including all workshops and construction projects and how many of these vacancies were filled by the appointment/promotion of candidates belonging to the scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the number of vacancies in each class, category and grade reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes including carry forward vacancies during that year; and

(c) whether any special steps are being taken to wipe out the back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment of committee for reviewing the Inventory Control procedure and streamlining of Railways

1755. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special committee was set up some time back for reviewing the inventory control procedures and streamlining the working of the Railways;

(b) whether any report was submitted by that Committee; if so, what were its recommendations; and

(c) what progress has so far been made in regard to the implementation of these recommendations?

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

(b) and (c) The Committee on Inventory Management on Railways submitted their First Report in January, 1975 and Final Report in January, 1977 making altogether 115 recommendations towards introduction of new procedures and streamlining the existing procedures to achieve an overall improvement in inventory. All the recommendations have been accepted by the Government and IOI recommendations have already been implemented. The remaining recommendations are under various stage of implementation.

Unsafe railway track on the Northeast Frontier Railway

1756. PROF. AJIT KUMAR SHARMA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire length of the railway track on the North-east Frontier Railway has become unsafe for want of proper maintenance and replacement of worn out sleepers; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway bridges in the country

1757. PROF. AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway bridges in the country over the major rivers;

(b) the number out of them, constructed after 1950;