

Total strength of Class IV railway employees

27. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of Class IV employees in the Railways at present and the number of such employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to wipe out the back-log in the quota of reserved vacancies for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) The strength of Class IV railway employees on 30-9-1976 was as under:

(i) Class IV (excluding Safaiwala)

Total	753215
Scheduled Castes	135151
Scheduled Tribes	33541

(ii) Class IV (Safaiwalas)

Total	55153
Scheduled Castes	48002
Scheduled Tribes	671

(b) Class IV employees are recruited mainly by screening casual labourers and substitutes. Reservation Rules do not apply to the appointment of casual labourers and substitutes. However, while engaging casual labour and substitutes, candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are taken according to the prescribed percentages, as far as possible so that adequate number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates become available at the time of screening for regular appointment. Where adequate number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates is not available at the time of screening recruitment is made from open market.

An intensive drive was launched in November, 1975 to wipe out the backlog of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and during the period of the drive which lasted up to 31-3-1976, 2703 Scheduled Castes and 5836 Scheduled Tribes were recruited in Class IV categories and 1174 Scheduled Caste and 1477 Scheduled Tribe candidates were promoted clearing the backlog to the extent of 85 per cent in recruitment categories and 63 per cent in promotional categories.

Efforts are continued to wipe out the shortfall at the earliest possible opportunity and for this purpose relaxations and concessions are allowed to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates both in recruitment and promotion.

गोरखपुर खाद कारखाने में उत्पादित खाद के बिक्री एजेंट

28. श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक तथा पेट्रोलियम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गोरखपुर खाद कारखाने में उत्पादित खाद के लिये किन्-किन् व्यक्तियों को बिक्री एजेंट नियुक्त किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार की यह नीति रही है कि भारतीय खाद निगम केवल सरकारी क्षेत्र और सहकारी संस्थाओं के माध्यम से खाद बेचता है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस मामले में खाद के लिये व्यक्तिगत एजेंटों को नियुक्त करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

†[Selling agents for fertilizers produced at the Gorakhpur Fertilizer Plant]

28. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals who have been appointed as selling agents

†[] English translation.