

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Any modification that may be necessary to strengthen the existing provisions of law on the subject to deal with such activities would be considered by the Government after the result of the inquiry by the CCI&E's organisation is known.

**Representations to Government not to close Tapona Railway Station**

958. SHRI DEORAO PATIL:-

SHRI KRISHNARAO NARAYAN  
DHULAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to close down the Tapona railway station on the Murtizapur-Yeotmal narrow gauge line of the Central Railway ;

(b) whether representations from various institutions and the people of the area have been received by Government against this decision; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) It has been decided to close down this station for booking of goods and parcel traffic only but it will remain open for local booking of passengers and their luggage.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter is under examination.

**Upgradation of posts in Railways**

959. SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN  
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred

I Question No. 130 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1975 and state :

(a) whether the proposals regarding up grading of posts in clerical and other non-gazetted cadres in Railways have been finalized; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when they are likely to be enforced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

**Statement**

The upgradation scheme covers Class III and IV categories where there was a need for easing promotional bottlenecks. Artisan cadres are, however, not included and will be dealt with by a Railway Workers Classification Tribunal which is being set up. R.P.F. staff have been dealt with separately.

The cadres reviewed include over 9 lakh posts and approximately 41,000 posts stand to be upgraded.

The main categories involved are listed below:

**Class III**

1. Commercial Clerks
2. Enquiry & Reservation Clerks
3. Commercial Inspectors
4. Catering Staff
5. Ticket Collectors
6. Publicity Inspectors
7. Signallers
- 8 Assistant Station Masters/Station Masters
9. Trains Clerks
10. Traffic/Movement Inspectors
11. Yard Staff
12. Draftsmen Civil