

Percentage of occupancy of berths in A.C.C. coaches

1173. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of occupancy of berths in A.C.C. Coaches from Delhi to Jaipur and Ahmedabad and vice versa in the month of November, 1974;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to present needs only one A.C.C. Coach in train is sufficient;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a regular long waiting list of I Class passengers at Jaipur Station; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to provide one full first class coach at Jaipur instead of a Combined A.C.C. and I Class Coach ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) The percentage occupation of Air-conditioned accommodation during November 1974 was as under :

- (i) Delhi-Jaipur coach—37%
- (ii) Delhi-Ahmedabad coach—52%
- (iii) Jaipur-Delhi coach—50%
- (iv) Ahmedabad-Delhi coach—57%

(b) to (d). The proposal to withdraw the Delhi-Jaipur Air-Conditioned-cum-First composite coach is under active consideration and if found justified, necessary change in the composition of the train will be made.

(c) Yes.

कोचीन-कायमकुलम तटीय रेल का निर्माण

1174. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केरल की जनता के एक वर्ग ने कोचीन-कायमकुलम तटीय रेलवे के निर्माण की मांग करते हुए कोई ज्ञापन सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

†[Construction of Cochine Kayamkulam Coastal Railway

1174. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a section of people from Kerala have submitted a memorandum to

Government demanding the construction of Cochin-Kayamkulam Coastal Railways; and

(b) if so; what action is being taken in this regard]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (सरदार बूटा सिंह) : जी हां ।

(ख) नयी लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए आवंटित सीमित निधियों के कारण जो कि चालू कामों और अत्यन्त आवश्यक क्षेत्रों के लिए अपेक्षित कामों के लिए भी पर्याप्त नहीं है, फिलहाल, नयी लाइनों का निर्माण प्रारम्भ करना सम्भव नहीं होगा ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) Due to the limited funds allotted for construction of new lines which is not even sufficient for completing the works in progress and those required in the core sector, it will not be possible to take up construction of this line at present.]

Improvement of Railway Finances

1175. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the three-point drive aimed at improving railway finances is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c) To improve railway finances, General Managers of Zonal Railways have been asked to take immediate steps in the following directions :

Optimize Traffic Revenues.

Maximise productivity and productivity gains through better supervision control and organisation.

Economise in consumption of Stores & Fuel through effective management and improved techniques.

Boost ancillary earnings by faster disposal of scrap and reclamation of waste.