

Workers' participation in management of Railways

711. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far no efforts have been made to achieve workers' participation in the management of Railways; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) and (b) On the Railways, there is participation of workers on various committees set up for staff welfare *viz.* Canteen Management Committee, Advisory Committee for Staff Welfare Works, Housing Committee for allotment of quarters, Hospital Visiting Committee, Executive Committee of Railway Institutes, Staff Benefit Fund Committee, Consumer Cooperative & Credit Societies etc., and from time to time representatives of staff are also consulted on many issues relating to their work and welfare. In addition to ail this, a machinery known as the Corporate Enterprise Group has been set up in which representatives of the two Federations and Members of the Board discuss certain matters mainly to evaluate the functioning of the railways and to suggest ways and means to improve its viability.

Inadequacy of Wagons

712. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inadequacy of wagons is hampering production, distribution and creating artificial shortage;

(b) whether this is due to shortage of wagons or defective allocation policy of wagons; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) There is no inadequacy of wagons on Indian Railways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway accident near Trichur

713. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the train accident on the 27th May, 1974 near Trichur, where 55 passengers were injured; and

(b) if so what were the causes of the accident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) Yes. On 27-5-1974 train No. 30 Mangalore-Cocliin Malabar Express bumped into the rear of Pilot Goods train No. EG 3 at Trichur. In this accident 13 passengers sustained minor injuries and 28 persons trivial injuries.

(b) According to the finding of the inquiry committee the accident was due to the sudden stoppage of the Pilot Goods train on account of the snapping of the vacuum hosepipe of the wagon marshalled third from its engine coupled with the limited visibility available to the driver of No. 30 Express on account of sharp curve.

Fake tax reduction claims by Railway Employees

714. SHRI N. G. GORAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of railway employees who were eligible for refund of income-tax recovered in excess on the revision of