

by Government during the Railway strike in May, 1974. The concessions that were given to the staff as a result of the agreement reached with the representatives of the labour prior to May, 1974 are in the process of implementation.

Running of an Express Train between Ranchi and Delhi

718. SHRI B. R. MUNDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Hatia, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Bokaro Steel City and suburban villages are facing great hardship in travelling from these places to the big cities of the Northern parts of India in the absence of any direct express train; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to run an express train between Ranchi and Delhi with arrangements of attaching bogies for the people of Jamshedpur and Bokaro Steel City?

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

(a) No. At present, two-bi-weekly

through service coaches viz. one 1st and 2nd and one 2-tier sleeper are running between Delhi/New Delhi and Hatia for the convenience of through passengers between Ranchi/Bokaro Steel City and Delhi. Bi-weekly 77/78 Utkal Express and one daily 1st and 2nd through service coach by 11/12 Delhi-Howrah Express and connected trains are available for through passengers between Delhi/New Delhi and Tatanagar. These through travel facilities have been found to be adequate for the present level of traffic.

(b) No.

Maintenance of saloons in railways

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

(a) the number of saloons being maintained in each zone of railways; and

(b) the purposes for which these coaches are maintained?

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

(a) and (b) A statement is attached.

Statement

No. of Saloons	Railways which maintain the Saloons	Purpose
2 B. G. Saloons (Twin set)	Central and Northern Railways.	For the use of the President of India, State Guests and Foreign dignitaries.
1 B. G. Saloon . . .	Central Railway	For the use of Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
1 B.G. Saloon . . .	Eastern Railway	For the use of Governor of West Bengal.
1 B. G. Saloon . . .	South-Eastern Railway	For the use of Governor of Orissa.
1 B.G Saloon . . .	Central Railway	For the use of Military authorities.
3 B. G. Saloons . . .	Northern Railway	For the use of Military authorities.