

accepted by the Govt. of Haryana, the Survey will be undertaken.

CONVERSION OF BHIWANI TO HISSAR METRE GAUGE LINE INTO BROAD GAUGE

1751. SHRI RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for converting Bhiwani to Hissar and Hissar to Sirsa and Davwali Metre gauge lines into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the project will be undertaken and completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

E.C.Os. AND EX-SERVICEMEN IN RAILWAYS

1752. SHRI RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen working at present in the Railways;

(b) the total number of Emergency Commissioned Officers working at present under the Railways;

(c) whether the Railway Administration has since declared some posts as reserved for ex-servicemen and E.C.Os.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b) The number of ex-servicemen and Emergency Commissioned Officers working on Central, Northeast Frontier and Southern Railways and Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Diesel Locomotive Works, and Integral Coach Factory, is 4880 and 13 respectively. Information from the other Zonal Railways is

being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d) 20 per cent. of vacancies in Class IV posts and 10 per cent. of vacancies in Class III posts which are filled by direct recruitment, are reserved for ex-servicemen.

Vacancies in gazetted cadres are reserved for ECOs as under:—

Technical Services filled by direct recruitment (class I & III) through open competition—27 per cent.

Non-technical Services filled by direct recruitment through open Competition—Class I 25 per cent and Class II 27 per cent.

ABSORPTION OF E.C.Os. IN RAILWAYS

1753. SHRI RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Emergency Commissioned Officers who have been absorbed in the R.P.F. and G.R.P. Cadres separately;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to absorb more Emergency Commissioned Officers in R.P.F. and G.R.P. cadres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) 15 in the Railway Protection Force.

(b) Yes, so far as Railway Protection Force is concerned.

(c) 10 posts of Assistant Security Officers/Assistant Commandants/Adjutants and 50 posts of Inspectors are proposed to be filled in the Railway Protection Force from amongst the released Emergency Commissioned Officers.

As regards absorption of Emergency Commissioned Officers in the Government Railway Police, the information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha on receipt.