

**Risi; IN PAY-SCALE AND IMPROVEMENT
IN SERVICE CONDITIONS OF JUDGES**

*308. SHRI MAHITOSH
PURAKA-YASTHA : KUMARI
SHANTA VASISHT : SHRI
CHITTA BASU : SHRI
KALYAN ROY :

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE/ विधि और न्याय मंत्री be pleased
to state :

(a) whether Government have any
proposal under consideration to raise the pay-
scales and to improve the conditions of
service of the Judges of the High Courts in
the country;

(h) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) at what stage that proposal stands at
present ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND
JUSTICE/ फा 3^T am #=TT (SHRI H.
R.GOKHAI I) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid
on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c) Two specific proposals were
considered by Government to improve the
conditions of service of High Court and
Supreme Court Judges, viz.,

(i) To raise the retirement age from 62
to 65 in the case of High Court Judges and
consequently, from 65 to 68 years in the
the case of Supreme Court Judges; and

(ii) To raise the salaries of Judges by
Rs. 500/- per month.

As the proposals involved constitutional
amendments, the leaders of political parties in
Parliament were consulted but the consensus
of opinion was not in favour of raising the
retirement age or the salaries of Judges. The
proposal was, therefore, not pursued. Govern-
ment will, however, consider the whole ques-
tion afresh at the appropriate time.

At present when a Judge of the High Court
avails of leave on full allowances he can get
full salary (equal to monthly rate of pay) for
the first month of such leave. It has been
decided to increase the limit for the drawal of
full salary to 45 days as in the case of Judges
of the Supreme Court and to extend to the
Judge of the Supreme Court and the High
Courts the benefit of commuting leave on half

allowances into leave on full allowances upto a
period of three months during the entire service
as Judge. Necessary legislation for the purpose
will be introduced in Parliament shortly.

At present when a Judge of the High Court
is appointed to the Supreme Court, he loses all
the leave earned by him as a Judge of the High
Court. It is proposed to provide for carry-
forward of such leave upto a maximum of 4
months subject to certain conditions and the
necessary legislation for the purpose is being
undertaken.

A scheme of Family Pension and Death-
cum-retirement Gratuity for Judges appointed
from the Bar is also under consideration of the
Government.

**DEMOCRATISATION OF RAILWAY
ADMINISTRATION**

*309. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MUKHERJEE; SHRI
MAHITOSH PURAKA-
YASTHA : SHRI
CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government contemplate to
initiate steps to democratise the administration
of the railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps con-
templated ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF

RAILWAYS, रेल मंत्रालय में
उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) and (b) Presumably, by democratisation, the
Members have in mind giving opportunity to
the railway employees to participate in the
management of the Railways.

The Railway Labour are already parti-
cipating in certain spheres of Railway manage-
ment activities. The question of extension of
these areas is reviewed from time to time and
further steps in this connection would be taken
as and when considered feasible.