

FAMILY PENSION FOR DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED RAILWAY HOSPITAL STAFF

305. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the class IV employees of the railway hospital at Bhatinda under the Northern Railway, who died during 1965-66 and whose dependants have not been granted family pension so far ;

(b) the reasons for the delay in granting such pension to them;

(c) whether it is a fact that in some of the cases, no intimation has so far been sent to the dependants regarding their entitlement for family pension; if so, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to expedite quick disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

INCOGNITO INSPECTION BY RAILWAY VISITOR

306. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI C. A. APPAN :
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he inspected the functioning of some zonal railways incognito recently; and

(b) if so, what are his findings as a result of such inspection?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made during these inspections are mainly as follows :

(i) Inadequate lighting and poor sanitation in some coaches and portions of some station premises.

(ii) Absence of fans and other fittings in some coaches due to vandalism and theft.

(iii) Lack of water in toilets of some coaches

(iv) Need for increasing frequency of inspections including surprise checks of coaches by Supervisors and Officers.

(v) Need for keeping some booking windows open for longer periods and opening of additional booking windows as necessary to avoid inconvenience to passengers in having to wait for longer periods in queues.

(vi) Need for introduction of a system of packed wholesome meals and avoiding multiplicity of dishes to reduce pressure on dining cars.

(vii) Improvement of telecommunication at Ghaziabad station to keep in touch with the position regarding late running of trains.

DINING CARS

307. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-
SUNDARAM :
SHRI T. K. SRINIVASAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to attach dining cars to all trains on the Indian Railways which cover journeys for over 24 hours; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

FIRING BY R.P.F. AT BURDWAN STATION

308. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of the Railway Protection Force opened fire at Burdwan station on the 15th April, 1970, killing a gang-man and injuring a number of persons;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any report on the incident from the authorities concerned; and

(c) what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?