

[ATTEMPT TO SET MHOW-UJJAIN TRAIN
ON FIRE

933. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some students attempted to set on fire the Mhow-Ujjain train by sprinkling petrol on it on the 25th July, 1968;

(b) whether any suspects have been arrested in this connection; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this incident was averted by the timely intervention of some Jawans?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा) :
(क) जी हां ।

(ख) भारतीय रेल अधिनियम की धारा 128 के अन्तर्गत पुलिस ने एक मामला दर्ज कर लिया है जिसकी जांच की जा रही है । अभी तक कोई गिरफ्तारी नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) जी हां ।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes,

(b) A case u/s 128 Indian Railways Act has been registered by the Police and the investigation is in progress. No arrest has been made yet.

(c) Yes.]

RAILWAY TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

934. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :
SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA
REDDY :
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the railway travel concessions allowed to the officers and staff of the Ministry of Railways and Divisional Head Quarters;

(b) whether it is a fact that similar concessions are not given to the Secretariat staff of the Government of India; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken by Government to stop this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) A statement is attached. (See below)

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The rail travel concessions allowed to the officers and staff of the Ministry of Railways and Divisional Head Quarters are as under :—

Officer/Staff	Class of pass	No. of years of service	No. of passes admissible per year	No. of PTOs admissible per year
Gazetted Officers irrespective of pay	I 'A'	From the date of appointment	6 sets	6 sets
Non-gazetted Railway servants drawing more than Rs. 300 as pay	I	From the date of appointment upto 5 years' service	1 set	6 sets
Nurses and Lady Health Visitors drawing more than Rs. 180 but not more than Rs. 300 as pay		Over 5 years' service	3 sets	6 sets

†[] English translation.

Officer/Staff	Class of pass	No. of years of service	No. of passes admissible per year	No. of PTOs admissible per year
Other non-gazetted railway servants drawing more than Rs. 180 but not more than Rs. 300 as pay	II	From date of appointment upto 5 years' service	1 set	6 sets
Nurses and Lady Health Visitors drawing not more than Rs. 180 as pay		Over 5 years' service	3 sets	6 sets
All other non-gazetted railway servants drawing not more than Rs. 180 as pay	III	From date of appointment upto 5 years' service	1 set	6 sets
		Over 5 years' service	3 sets	6 sets

In addition to the privilege passes and PTOs, mentioned above, passes for the journey of student sons/daughters of Railway servants are issued subject to the limit of six single journey passes per year for each student sons/daughters for travelling from School/College to their parent's headquarters and back.

The Railway employees are also given the facility of concessional monthly season tickets and residential card passes on certain sections over Indian Railways where the same was in vogue prior to 14-12-1953.

OVERCROWDED III CLASS COMPARTMENTS

935. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :
SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the III class Railway compartments are mostly overcrowded and most of the passengers have to travel standing due to inadequate seating arrangements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some passengers occupy entire upper and lower berths for sleeping and keeping their luggage and do not allow other passengers to sit;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to appoint traffic inspectors to stop this malpractice and make seating arrangements for the standing passengers; and

(d) whether any other amenities are proposed to be provided for III class passengers during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Third class compartments of certain important trains are overcrowded especially during periods of rush of traffic. In these cases some passengers have to travel standing till they are able to find a seat.

(b) Such cases are very rare and suitable action is taken as soon as they come to notice.

(c) No. The existing staff provided at stations and on trains are adequate to deal with such cases.

(d) During the current financial year, 11 additional train services have already been introduced which include one pair of Express trains four days in the week, one pair of triweekly Express trains and one pair of biweekly Janata Express trains. These will help in reduction of overcrowding.

In addition, 16 trains including 3 local trains have been extended and the loads of 11 pairs of trains have been augmented by addition of 11 third class coaches and 3 composite coaches containing third class compartments. It is also proposed to introduce sleeper coaches in replacement of ordinary third class coaches on 19 pairs of trains.

SELECTION FOR PROMOTION TO THE POST OF TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR ETC.

936. DR. B. N. ANTANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Guards Grade 'C' who are allowed channel of