

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to suspend some train services which are running into loss from the economic point of view;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Sections on which the train services would be discontinued; and

(c) what are the criteria which have been kept in view while taking this decision?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पूनाचा) :
(क) से (ग) जिन खण्डों पर गाड़ियाँ आर्थिक दृष्टि से घाटे में चल रही हैं या जहाँ कम खर्च पर यातायात के दूसरे साधन उपलब्ध हैं या हो सकते हैं, रेल प्रशासन उन खण्डों पर गाड़ियाँ बन्द करने के सवाल पर विचार कर रहा है। इस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक आंकड़े इकट्ठे किये जा रहे हैं और सभी परिणामों पर विचार करने के बाद इस बारे में निर्णय किया जायेगा।

[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (c) The question of discontinuance of train services on sections, where they are found to run financially at a loss and where other means of transport are/can be made available at a lower cost is under examination of the Railways. Relevant data is being collected and a decision in the matter will be taken after all the implications have been studied.]

SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER AT LONAND RAILWAY STATION

339. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Civic authorities in Lonand Poona-Hubli Section have offered to supply drinking water for the Railway station and staff quarters at Lonand; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which the offer was not availed of?

[] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes. The Gram Panchayat offered to supply water at the rate of Rs. 4 per thousand gallons.

(b) After examining all aspects of the case, the railway administration has decided to accept the offer.

SENIORITY LIST OF WIRELESS OPERATORS ON S. RAILWAY

340. SHRI YELLA REDDY:
SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that Mysore and Madras High Courts have upheld the seniority list of Wireless Operators prepared on the Southern Railway under the directions of the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing the list?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b) There was no dispute about the implementation or otherwise of the seniority list of Wireless Operators prepared on the Southern Railway in accordance with Railway Board's orders. One Sri A. J. Stanley filed a writ petition in the Mysore High Court claiming that the above seniority list which was, in fact, a revision with effect from 19th June, 1982, should be given effect to retrospectively and that promotions due to him from time to time in the former years should be given to him together with monetary arrears. This claim was admitted by the High Court of Mysore without questioning the principles governing the drawing up of the seniority list. Their verdict has been implemented. A similar writ petition in the Madras High Court by another affected employee has been rejected. The Board's intention was that the revised seniority list should be given effect to