

CONVERSION OF PURULIA-KOTSHILA RAILWAY LINES

600. **SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation for conversion of Purulia-Katshila Railway lines into broad gauge has been completed;

(b) if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) if not, when the investigation is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) to (c) Investigations regarding feasibility/viability of conversion of Purulia-Kotshila narrow gauge line into broad gauge have since been completed.

The Reports and estimates are expected to be received from the Railway very shortly. Any decision regarding conversion can only be taken after detailed examination of the Reports from all aspects.

RETRENCHMENT IN HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION, RANCHI

601. **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of engineers are proposed to be retrenched shortly in the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) and (b) The question as to how many of the civil construction staff will be surplus to the Heavy Engineering Corporation's requirements due to tapering off of the civil construction works, is under examination of the Corporation.

स्टेशन मास्टरों तथा सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों का सेवा शर्तों के सम्बन्ध में संसद सदस्यों को की ओर से प्रतिवेदन

602. **श्री गिरीराज किशोर कपूर :**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्टेशन मास्टरों तथा सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों की सेवा की शर्तों और अन्य शिकायतों के बारे में संसद सदस्यों की ओर से एक प्रतिवेदन सरकार को प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी मुख्य बातें क्या-क्या हैं और क्या सरकार ने उस पर कोई निर्णय किया है ?

†[REPORT FROM M.Ps. REGARDING TERMS OF SERVICE OF SMS AND ASMs]

602. **SHRI G. K. KAPOOR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report from the Members of Parliament about the terms of service and other complaints of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters has been received by Government; and

(b) if so, what are its main features and whether Government have taken any decision thereon?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ, कुछ अभ्यावेदनों के रूप में और संसद में पूछे गये प्रश्नों के रूप में।

(ख) अभ्यावेदनों में यह कहा गया था कि (i) जो सहायक स्टेशन मास्टर 1.4.64 से पहले 130-225 रुपये के वेतन मान में काम कर रहे थे, उनका वेतन 130-240 रु० के संशोधित वेतन मान (न्यूनतम प्रारम्भिक वेतन 150 रुपये) में निर्धारित करते समय और (ii) जो स्टेशन मास्टर/सहायक स्टेशन मास्टर 1-4-1964 से पहले 150-240 रुपये और

†[] English translation.