

or proportionate increase in pay in the case of all employees whenever a revision of existing scales of pay takes place on any particular date.]

BEGGARS AT STATIONS

250. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that at Arkonam and many other stations, beggars, especially leprosy patients and children are a menace to the travellers; and

(b) whether he has any scheme to rid the stations of such beggars?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) ; (a) The nuisance from beggars, some of whom are leprosy patients, is prevalent at some stations on the Indian Railways though very few complaints of such nuisance at Arkonam have so far come to notice.

(b) A statement showing the steps taken to tackle the beggar nuisance is attached.

STATEMENT * Measures adopted by the Railways in this regard are—

- (i) Special drives with the aid of Railway Police especially at bigger stations;
- (ii) Formation of special squads consisting of Travelling Ticket Examiners and Sainiks of the Railway Protection Force for combating beggars;
- (iii) Special attention by station staff including Railway Protection Force to prevent the entry of beggars in railway premises;
- (iv) Seeking of public co-operation through exhibition of posters, announcement over the loud-speakers, etc., asking the public to refrain from giving alms to beggars; and

(v) As a long-term measure, replacing all old types of passenger coaches having footboards or exposed frames along their full length by new coaching stock having footboards only at the entrance, to prevent beggars moving from compartment to compartment on running trains along the outside.

SERVERS* CATEGORY ON COMMISSION BASIS ON THE RAILWAYS

251. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for introduction of Servers' Category on commission basis in the Catering Department of the Indian Railways;

(b) whether the system is in conformity with the recommendations of the Pay Commission; and

fc) whether there is any proposal to bring such servers on the authorised pay scales?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH); (a) The aim of introducing the system of service on commission basis is mainly: —

- (i) to provide opportunities for increasing the emoluments of servers, bearers etc. who are more energetic and efficient; and
 - (ii) to improve service to passengers, as the custom of the servers, bearers etc. would depend upon the efficiency of their service.
- (b) The Pay Commission have not made any recommendation on this subject.
- (c) No.