

(b) Five trains were detained and seven trains were cancelled.

(c) There was no other cause except heavy rains.]

**SCHEDULED CASTE OFFICERS IN THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

56. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers serving in his Ministry;

(b) the number of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes serving in Class I, Class II, and Class III posts;

(c) whether the percentage fixed for recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B.
BHAGAVATI): (a) to (d) The
requisite information is being collect-
ed and will be laid on the Table of
the Sabha.

**SCHEDULED CASTE OFFICERS IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICUL-
TURE**

57. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers serving in his Ministry;

(b) the number of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes serving in Class I, Class II and Class III posts;

(c) whether the percentage fixed for recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICUL-
TURE (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH):

	Class I	Class II		Class III
		Gazet-	Non-	
		ted	Gazetted	
(a)	169	135	472	837
(b)	2	5	16	78

(c) No.

(d) In the case of the Secretariat cadre, which account for bulk of the posts in the Ministry, recruitment is made for the Secretariat as a whole and not for each Ministry separately. In respect of posts which are directly recruited by this Ministry, every endeavour is made to recruit through the Union Public Service Commission and the employment exchanges, suitable candidates of the Scheduled Castes/Tribes, whenever appropriate.

**SCHEDULED CASTE OFFICERS IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

58. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers serving in her Ministry;

(b) the number of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes serving in Class I, Class II and Class III posts;

(c) whether the percentage fixed for recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): The required information is given below: