

PILOTING OF TWO-SEATER GLIDER

*392. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that for the first time in this country a two-seater glider was piloted by two Indians of the Delhi Gliding Club in their flight between Delhi and Panipat on Monday, the 23rd April, 1962?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN): Details of the flight in question are being verified by the Aero Club of India Ltd., who are responsible for certifying gliding records in India.

NIGHT PATROL ALLOWANCE TO ENGINEERING GANGMEN

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

(a) whether, as recommended by the Pay Commission, Government have under their consideration the question of paying night patrol allowance to engineering gangmen on the Railways;

(b) if so, when it will be paid and from what date; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c) No patrol allowance has been recommended by the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission to gangmen on Railways. But, on merits, the gangmen performing night patrol duty during monsoon have been sanctioned a special pay of 20 nP for each night of patrol duty.

VACANCIES OF S. Ms. AND A.S.Ms. ETC. ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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

(a) whether there are any vacancies existing in the cadre of Station Masters, Assistant Station Masters, and Yard Porters on the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, when are they likely to be filled up; and

(c) if there is any delay, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir, in the cadre of S.Ms. and A.S.Ms.

(b) A large number of these vacancies will be filled in the next 2 or 3 months and the remaining as early as possible.

(c) The delay was due to administrative reasons caused by change of avenues of promotion.

†POWER POTENTIAL OF DHRUVARAN THERMAL POWER PLANT

*88. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any representation from the Government of Gujarat for increasing the power potential of the proposed Dhruvaran Thermal Power Plant erected near Cambay (Dhruvaran); and

(b) if so, what is the present capacity and what will be the increased capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes; Sir.

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