

Officers attached to the P. & T. Department. A sum of Rs. 16,12,394 was spent on various welfare schemes. This amount is in addition to the amount spent on the provision of amenities in RMS Rest Houses|dormitories|rest rooms/medical reimbursement bills etc., which are incurred by the subordinate units and the figures for which are not readily available, as they are not separately compiled.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how many Welfare Officers were directly attached to the workers in Delhi itself?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: As far as I know, there are only ten Welfare Officers, namely in Madras, Lucknow, Nagpur, Bihar, Calcutta, Ambala, Calcutta Workshop, Calcutta Store Yard, Jubbulpore and Bombay. There are Regional Labour Officers in Rajasthan, Assam, Orissa, Lucknow, Bombay and Delhi. The Labour Officer of Ambala visits Delhi Circle for one week in a month.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: What are the other schemes to look after the welfare of the P. and T. workers here in Delhi and other places?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: We are considering how best we can do it. We have put in more amount this year than before, i.e., Rs. 7 lakhs, and, therefore, the hon. lady Member may be convinced, I am sure, that we are doing our best for welfare work among the P. and T. employees.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is it a fact that in most of the years starting from 1948 no welfare work has been done amongst the P. and T. workers, especially in Delhi area?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I am afraid the hon. Lady Member is incorrect in her premises.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the hon. Minister is satisfied that the welfare work in Delhi

centre and in other centres is being carried on properly and efficiently?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I believe so, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know where those welfare centres are and what are those schemes under which these people have been looked after properly?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I have already stated what is being done.

TRAFFIC HOLD-UP AT RAJPURA LEVEL CROSSING

*186. **SHRI BANSI LAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the Rajpura Junction railway level crossing between Patiala and Chandigarh traffic is held up for hours together; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct an overbridge on the said crossing; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Not at present as the Government of Punjab have postponed the scheme for consideration in the Third Five Year Plan.

TRAFFIC HOLD-UP AT THE RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS ON THE DELHI-ROHTAK ROAD

*187. **SHRI BANSI LAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic at the railway level crossings on the Delhi-Rohtak road is held up for hours together;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to construct overbridges at these crossings;