

Control Device (VCD), usage of 60 Kg rails and Pre-stressed Concrete Sleepers, long rail panels, better welding technology, progressively increased use of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Coaches etc.

Oak- Grove School, Jharipani under Northern Railway

†1527. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per rule the Principal in Oak-Grove School, Jharipani under Northern Railway must be appointed through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that prior to the year 1996, Principals were appointed by the UPSC but after that IRPS officers are being appointed as Principal;

(d) if so, the reasons and details thereof; and

(e) whether on an important issue like education, Government would remove this school from Northern Railway and will it be governed by a Committee constituted by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) The Recruitment Rules for the post of Principal, Oak Grove School, Jharipani dated 06.09.1980 provide for filling up the post by promotion failing which by transfer on deputation (including short-term contract) and failing both by direct recruitment. Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while making direct recruitment and selecting an officer for appointment on deputation/ contract.

(c) and (d) The Principal recruited through direct recruitment from Union Public Service Commission retired in 1994 and further recruitment from Union Public Service Commission has not been done. Further, the post of Principal, Oak Grove School, Jharipani is virtually an isolated post without any further avenues for promotion. Direct recruitment for this post (whether through Union Public Service Commission or otherwise) is perhaps not the ideal method of filling up this post. Under these circumstances, Indian Railway Personnel Service officers working in Selection Grade/Junior Administrative Grade having experience in running of schools have been appointed as Principals. All

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schools/In Service Training of Indian Railways are supervised/monitored by senior Indian Railway Personnel Service officers.

(e) No, Sir.

Delay of trains due to power failure

†1528. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 16th February, 2015 the train number 19264, Porbandar Express, was delayed for four hours on Khalilpur Station due to power failure;

(b) if so, the reasons for power failure; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Locomotive Traction Motor bearing seized, leading to locking of axle.

(c) The failure had taken place due to breakage of inner race and rollers of the bearing. Additional checks to examine the health and condition of bearing and proper assembly have been introduced during bearing overhaul.

Restoration of 30 per cent customs duty on raw silk

1529.DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether customs duty on raw silk was reduced from 30 per cent to 5 per cent and later raised to 15 per cent which has not only impacted on raw silk production but also affected adversely livelihood of the stakeholders in the domestic industry;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Karnataka has appealed to Government for restoration of the import duty to 30 per cent in the larger interest of the domestic raw silk industry; and

(c) whether Government has considered this request and if so, the outcome of such consideration?

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