

For recruitment through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs), vacancies in various zonal railways have to be collected and compiled centrally in the Ministry's office and then indents are placed on various RRBs for recruitment. Thus the recruitment process takes a very long time to complete. Once the selection is finalised, the panel is received in the Ministry's office for approval. After approval of the panel, it is again sent back to the RRB for final apportionment of candidates to the concerned Zonal Railways. In the earlier system to which now the RPF is reverting, the vacancies are calculated Zone-wise and approved by the competent authority. Recruitments shall be handled by the Recruitment Committees consisting of officers authorised for the work, in accordance with the Railway Protection Force Rules, 1987. This process will save considerable time. In view of this advantage, it has been decided to revert back from recruitment through RRBs.

Construction of flag station at Tangra

145. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken by him to construct a flag station at Tangra on Kankungathi Chord line, under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) no, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New Railway lines between Cuddapah and Bangalore

146. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether request has been received for new Railway Lines from Cuddapah to Bangalore *via* Madanapalli, Bhadrachalam; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?