

Policy for promotion of Group 'B' officials

2195. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI VEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of policy adopted in Railways for promotion of Group 'B' officials;
- (b) whether restructuring of Group 'B' officials in Railways has taken place during last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is no career progression scheme for degree holders who joined Railways in Level-7 in the pay matrix under 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC); and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) At present, all posts in Group 'B' are filled up through promotion. After completion of minimum of three years of regular service, Group 'B' officers become eligible for being considered for promotion to Jr. Scale/Group 'A' of 8 organized services. Further, they are also eligible for being placed in the higher non-functional Group 'B' grade after completion of three years of regular service.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of Group 'B' officers placed in the higher non-functional Group 'B' grade of ₹ 8000-13500/- (PB-3 GP 5400/- in 6th CPC) during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (upto 30.11.2017) is 390, 328 and 184 respectively.

(d) Career progression is available for Degree holders who join Railways in Level-7 of the 7th CPC pay matrix.

(e) Does not arise.

Railway line between Haldwani and Ritha Sahib

†2196. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether North Eastern Railway has assessed the possibilities of construction

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of railway line from Haldwani to Ritha Sahib via Chorgalia in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether survey for this railway line is likely to be started in future, if so, by when;

(c) whether it is also possible that fund will not be sanctioned for the construction of this railway route even after conducting survey, as happened in the case of two railway routes of Kumaun region; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) To assess the feasibility for construction of new lines from Haldwani to Ritha Sahib *via* Chorgalia, surveys for Haldwani-Ritha Sahib (60 km.) and Haldwani-Chorgalia (20 km.) have been taken up.

(c) and (d) Funds are allocated for construction of any project, once the project is sanctioned based on the merit of the survey report.

Requirement and purchase of rails by Railways

†2197. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rails, in tonnes, required by Railways in the current financial year and the total quantity of rails in tonnes, to be supplied by SAIL;

(b) the quantity of rails in tonnes, that Railways would purchase from alternate sources other than SAIL to meet its requirements along with the details thereof; and

(c) the details of difference in prices of rails purchased from SAIL and other alternate sources during last two years including current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Requirement of rails for Indian Railways for year 2017-18 has been assessed as 14.59 Lakh MT.

SAIL as per their latest projection has given commitment to supply 9.5 Lakh MT rails during the year 2017-18.

(b) To meet the shortfall of supply of rails from SAIL, Railway has invited a global tender following 2 packet system. The Pre-Bid conference for this tender was

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.