

Closure of printing presses under Railways

754. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has closed any printing press under Railways in the past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of printing presses presently functioning under Railways; and

(d) the details of wages and number of casual and permanent workers who are presently employed in the printing presses under Railways?

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

(b) 09 printing presses located at Fairly Place/Kolkatta/Eastern Railway, Lucknow/Northern Railway, Gorakhpur/North Eastern Railway, Garden Reach and Kharagpur/South Eastern Railway (02 printing presses), Ajmer/North Western Railway, Thiruchirapalli/Southern Railway, Kurseong/Northeast Frontier Railway and Mahalaxmi/Western Railway have been closed by 31st July, 2018.

These 09 printing presses were old printing presses engaged in printing of card tickets and general documents using the old technology. Due to introduction of Unreserved Ticketing System, Automatic Ticket Vending Machines and digitization of various documents, running of these printing presses was not justified.

(c) 05 printing presses are presently functioning under Railways.

(d) The wages paid to the workers who are presently employed in the 05 printing presses are ₹ 7,04,10,137 per month (as for the month of December, 2018) Number of casual workers presently employed in the printing press under Railways is: Nil Number of permanent workers presently employed in the printing presses under Railways is: 1196

Special train from Ayodhya to Sitamarhi

†755. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to run a special train from Ayodhya to Sitamarhi;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.