

loans either from the Co-operative Society or from the Provident Fund Account;

(b) whether the tendency of getting loans from all avenues available is increasing gradually in the middle class employees of Railway in general; and

(c) if so, why?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The average annual percentage of the clerical staff who take loans from the co-operative Societies is 41.59 and that of those who take loans from the Provident Fund Account is 25.2.

(b) No such trend is in evidence.

(c) Does not arise.

Erosion by River Ichhamati

*1168. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special engineer deputed to study the erosion by river Ichhamati to Taki Town has submitted his report; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 96].

Water-Supply and Sanitation Schemes

*1170. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount granted for safe water supply in the Community Project and National Extension areas during the First Five Year Plan period under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Scheme have been fully expanded;

(b) if so, the number of wells and tanks constructed in each State at the end of the First Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if not, the amount not spent by each State?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Retired Railway Drivers

*1172. **Shri B. C. Majhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired drivers Grade 'C' have been re-employed in the same grade in the South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, their number and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any representation has been received from Loco Running Staff regarding this?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Eight persons have been re-employed to avoid dislocation of train services owing to shortage of staff.

(c) No.

गाड़ियों में साबान बेचने वाले

*११७४. श्री मल्लपति राव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि बर्दवान और मुगलसराय के बीच यात्री गाड़ियों में शीशे भयवा कंधियां बेचने वाले व्यक्ति डाके डालते हैं और यात्रियों से जबर्दस्ती रुपया छीन लेते हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि गत कुछ मास से यह प्रवृत्ति बढ़ती जा रही है और कई यात्रियों से उन का रुपया छोन लिया गया है; और