

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The details of the additional posts sanctioned for the Hindi news pool in Akashwani are as follows:

(1)	Joint Director	- 1
(2)	News Editor	- 3
(3)	Asstt. News Editor	- 6
(4)	Stenographer	- 6
(5)	Peon	- 6
Total		22

(b) Out of these 22 posts, only 3 posts of Assistant News Editor are presently lying vacant.

(c) to (e) : The news bulletins are compiled from the information supplied by multiple sources like Akashwani's own correspondents, national and international news agencies. Some of these agencies operate only in English. The Hindi news pool depending upon their requirement makes use of the translated version. No account is maintained of items prepared from Hindi and English inputs and the percentage thereof.

Missing Wagons

6423. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH:

SHRI N.J. RATHWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has received any representation from the Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Electricity Board regarding missing of wagons since January, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of missing wagons; and

(c) the value of claims presented by Gujarat Electricity Board in this regard and the claims settled so far?

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

(b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

A letter has been received from Government of Gujarat requesting that owing to diversion of Coal rakes meant for Gujarat Electricity Board, their claims for not received coal wagons should be settled early.

Coal rakes booked to one Power Plant are at times diverted to another Power Plant primarily to ensure adequate availability of coal with Power Plants. The claims and counter claims which arise due to such diversions are offset of means of periodical match-adjustment of their due wagons with that of excess wagons delivered.

In case of Gujarat Electricity Board, claims for 38378 coal wagons less received have been received from January 1996 to March 1997. Match delivery of 38159 coal wagons have since been granted to them, leaving a claim for 219 coal wagons only. Instructions have been issued to arrange for match delivery in respect of rest of the cases also. As claims are offset by match adjustment on wagon basis, monetary value of the claims is not maintained.

Re-Schedule of Train Timings

6224. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have re-scheduled the train timings for the trains running between New Delhi and Palwal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no new train has been added in the existing fleet of trains on this route despite the heavy and unmanageable rush of daily passengers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some morning EMU services were rescheduled temporarily from 20.2.97 to 4.3.97.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However, a number of peak time EMU services on the section were augmented to 12 coaches. Introduction of new services has not been found feasible on account of operational and resource constraints.

Post Offices in Mysore

6425. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices of all categories in Mysore district;

(b) the number of villages which are not covered by Post Offices in the above district; and

(c) the number of new post offices opened in the above district during 1996-97; and proposed to be opened during 1997-98, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of post offices of all categories in Mysore District is 605.

(b) The number of villages which are not covered by post offices in the above District is 1355.

(c) No post office was opened in Mysore District during 1996-97.

Post offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. There is a target of opening of 3 departmental Sub Post Offices and 30 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Karnataka during the year 1997-98. Allocation of targets is made Circle-wise. The