(स) जीहां।

(ग) बेजा देर के लिये जिम्मेदार कर्मचारियों के खिलाफ़ उचित कार्यवाही की गई है। इस गाड़ी पर खास तौर पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है धौर इसे ठीक समय पर चलाने की पूरी कोशिश की जायेगी।

"Cash Your ideas" Scheme for Railwaymen

291. Shri Shivananjappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) since 'Cash Your Ideas' Scheme was introduced to encourage original constructive thinking among railway men, how many suggestions on different subjects about improvements in the Railways, have been offered;
- (b) how many rewards have been awarded; and
- (c) what are the subjects dealt with?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 1130.

(b) 22.

(c) These suggestions relate to various aspects of Rillway workings for example, prevention of misuse of season tickets; improvements to track; safety devices in Railway compartments and improvements to methods of production in workshops etc.

Trade Apprentices in Railways

292. Shri Dhusiya: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the places on the North-Eastern Railways where Trade Apprentices have been recruited during this year so far;
- (b) the number of such recruits at each place and how they are selected; and
- (c) the numbers of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes recruited at those places?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (·). A statement is attached. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 59].

Passenger Amenities

293. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to complaints in respect of

irregular supply of light and fan on the running trains on Pandu region of the North-Eastern Railway besides other items of passenger amenities; and

(b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made to remove these inconveniences to the passengers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes. There have been a few cases of such failures.

(b) Yes. The ratio of coaches equipped with generators to those unequipped is being steadly improved. More battery charging sets are being provided at important stations. Security measures are being strengthened to reduce pilferage and theft. Suitable remedial measures are being taken to improve other amenities.

Overbridge at Godavary Station

294. Shri Mohana Rao: Shri B. S. Murthy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for the construction of a pucca overbridge at Godavary Railway Station, and
 - (b) if so, what steps have been taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Overbridge at Samalkot Railway Station

295. Shri Mohana Rao : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for construction of an overbridge at Samalkot Railway Station; and
- (b) if so, when the construction will start?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is under investigation in consultation with the State Government. The work will be taken up after the State Government has signified acceptance of their share of the cost.

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