

Recruitment of Asst. Sub-Inspectors for R.P.F. on S.E. Railway, E. Railway and N.F. Railway.

9649. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the South Eastern Railway, Eastern Railway and North Frontier Railway are going to recruit 147 Assistant Sub-Inspectors direct for R.P.F. ignoring the Railway Protection Force's Rules' 1959, vide Chapter V, Section 21;

(b) whether there is provision under Section 21 of R.P.F. Rules' 1959 vide chapter V that all other posts including Assistant Sub-Inspectors in the force are to be filled in by promotion and if so, the reasons for direct recruitment;

(c) whether there is clear provision in R. P. F. Regulation vide chapter XII, section 10 that the selection of Assistant sub-Inspectors are to be held centrally in all Zonal Railways once in a year; and

(d) if so, whether any selection of Assistant sub-Inspectors was held in South Eastern Railway, Eastern Railway and North Frontier Railway during the year 1971, 1972 and 1973 and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) (a) to (c) : A large number of vacancies of Assistant Sub-Inspectors having arisen as a result of implementation of reorganisation scheme of the R. P. F. on the Railways it has been decided, as a special case for once only, under the powers vested in the Central Government under Rule 26 of the Rules 1959 to fill up 50% of posts of Assistant Sub-Inspectors by promotion of departmental staff & the balance 50 by direct recruitment of outside candidates including those R.P.F. Staff in lower ranks who fulfill the requisite qualifications etc. Under the extent rules, selections for promotion to the rank of Asst. Sub-Inspectors are held on the Zonal Railways once two years or after, if necessary.

(d) The position in this respect is given below railway wise:-

Eastern Railway No selection was held during 1971 and 1972 due to the non-availability of vacancies.

During 1973 selection to fill 51 vacancies is in process.

South Eastern Rly. Selection was held in April/May, 1971 and supplementary selection in February August, 1972.

Northeast Frontier Railway : Selection was not held 1971 but was held in 1972. Selections for 1973 is yet to be held.

Demand for Stoppage of Madras-Mangalore Express at Parapanangadi Station

9650. C. H. MOHAMMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has received memorandum from the Merchants Association requesting for stoppage of Madras-Mangalore express at Parapanangadi Station ; and

(b) whether any action has been taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes. A memorandum was received from Merchants Association requesting for a stoppage of 29/30 Cochin Mangalore Malabar Express and 47/48 Cochin-Calicut Express at Parapanangadi station.

(b) The proposed stoppage was not agreed to on considerations of traffic and in the interest of keeping the fast character of these trains. A reply to this effect was given by the General Manager Southern Railway.

Memorandum for Extension of Bangalore Nanjangud Railways to Vythiri

9651. SHRI C.H MOHAMMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a memorandum requesting him to extend the Bangalore-Nanjangud Railway to Vythiri; and