

More staff at booking windows at Rohtak

5794. SHRI BHAGWAT DAYAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway officers gave assurance to Daily Passengers Federation, Rohtak-Delhi Section, at Rohtak to provide more staff and booking windows to avoid the rush; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). No such assurance was given. However, Northern Railway are examining the question of deployment of additional personnel in the booking office.

Late running of 370 DN Train

5795. SHRI BHAGWAT DAYAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage punctuality of 370 Down train during last one year;

(b) number of complaints received on late running of the train; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken to avoid late running and to improve punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) 72 per cent.

(b) No complaint has been received.

(c) Close watch on the running of this train by monitoring, is being kept to improve its punctuality.

Annual Rent of Armenian Ghat Shed No. 1

5796. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Armenian Ghat Shed No. 1 of South

Eastern Railway costs Rs. 15,000/- as rent per annum without any utility; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The rent of the Armenian Ghat Shed No. 1 is about Rs. 12,865 per annum. This accommodation is being partly utilised as Armenian Ghat City goods booking office and a proposal to open City Parcel Office at this place is under active consideration.

Construction of overbridge at Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu

5797. SHRI A. MURUGESAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the present position regarding the construction of a Railway overbridge at Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): The Railway have at present no proposal for the construction of an overbridge at Chidambaram. In September 1976, Government of Tamil Nadu was asked by the Railway to consider and sponsor the proposal for the construction of a road overbridge, in replacement of level crossing at km. 247/3 near Chidambaram railway station. Reply from the State Government is awaited. Further action in this connection can be taken only after a firm proposal is sponsored by the State Govt., together with an undertaking to bear their share of cost as per extant rules.

Staff apprehensive of delay of reopening of Parcel Office Esplanade, Calcutta

5798. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that staff are apprehensive of their long distance transfer, stoppage of promotions and other facilities on the administrative indecision to reopen Parcel Office in Calcutta to