

indefinite strike causing a great difficulties to the passengers;

(b) the reasons for their strike and their main demands; and

(c) the action taken by Government to remove the grievances of the porters ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c). A section of Licensed Porters of New Delhi station started agitation from 1.3.85 against the shifting of some Licensed Porters from Delhi Main to New Delhi station. Later on they struck work also. Their main demand was the cancellation of this shifting of Licensed Porters from Delhi Main to New Delhi.

The shifting of some Licensed Porters from Delhi Main station to New Delhi was done keeping in view the work loads at the two stations. Due to shifting of a few trains from Delhi Main to New Delhi, the work load for Licensed Porters at New Delhi had increased while it had reduced at Delhi Main. Hence the shifting of some Licensed Porters from Delhi Main to New Delhi was done to balance the work load.

Inconvenience to passengers during the above mentioned agitation has been avoided by utilising loyal porters of New Delhi station, porters who had been shifted from Delhi Main, Parcel porters and some labour of the Engineering Department.

Agitating Porters of New Delhi have since started coming back to their work from 28.3.85.

**[Translation]**

**Conversion of Dhaulpur-Sirmuttra Rail Line into B.G.**

1865, SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration a scheme for converting the narrow gauge line from Dhaulpur to Sirmuttra in Bharatpur (Rajasthan) into broad gauge line;

(b) if not, whether it is proposed to be considered in the near future; and

(c) the time likely to be taken in converting the said narrow gauge line into a broad gauge line ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The resources constraint does not permit consideration of this proposal for the present.

**Attaching a full First Class Bogie to 417 Unchahar Express**

1866 SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether full first class bogie is not attached to 417 Unchahar Express as a result which passengers face much difficulty;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether keeping in view the difficulties of the people, Government propose to attach a full first class bogie to that train; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On account of poor patronisation of 417 418 Unchahar Express had been running with First-cum-Second Class composite coach instead of a full First Class coach.

(c) and (d). A full First Class has been re-introduced with effect from 30th March, 1985.