

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

[English]

Recommendations of 4th Pay Commission regarding Service Conditions of Commercial Claim Inspectors

3686. SHRI RAMESHWAR NEEKHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 4th Pay Commission has submitted the report to Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Commercial/Claim Inspectors working in the day and travelling in the night on duty and are entitled for night duty Allowance;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the nature of duty of Commercial/Claims Inspectors' is Hazardous and they are entitled for Hazardous duty allowance; and

(d) if so, when Government propose to take decision on the above issues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Night duty allowance is payable for performance of duty between 22-00 hrs. and 06-00 hrs. in the night. If Commercial/Claims Inspectors perform duty within these hours, they will also be eligible for night duty allowance. However, staff travelling by train prior to commencement of duty/after completion of duty are not paid any night duty allowance for the time spent on travel. This is applicable to Commercial/Claims Inspectors besides a number of other categories who travel by train but are not on duty while performing such journeys.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Number of Government Run Libraries State-wise

3687. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government run libraries, State-wise; and

(b) the number of such libraries in rural areas, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Languages in West Bengal for Education

3688. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Hindi speaking population in West Bengal; and

(b) the languages other than Bengali and English recognised by the State for education purposes and other purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). According to the Census of India 1971 (Social and Cultural Tables published by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, the number of Hindi speakers (including of tongues grouped under Hindi) was 27,15,384 in West Bengal.

2. As regards school education (classes VI-X) the three language formula is operative upto class VIII and a student has to choose the languages in the following manner :

(a) First Language (one of the following has to be selected) :

Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Lushai, Malayalam, Marathi, Modern Tibetan, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi (Gurmukhi), Santhali, Sadani, Telugu, Tamil, Urdu.