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[Translation]

Restoration of Passenger Train Nos. 111-112

2167. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-DEYA: WIII THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy passenger traffic between Bhopal and Ratlam and the passengers are facing great inconvenience due to the cancellation of passenger train Nos. 111-112;

(b) whether the public have requested for the restoration of this train; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The then 111/112 Bhopal-Vadodara Passengers have been replaced by 1269/ 1270 Bhopal-Rajkot Express. Besides, to mitigate the hardships of the passengers of Ratlam-Godhra section, stoppages of 9019 Dn at Mangal Mahudi, Bordi, Anas, Panch Pipaliya, Amargarh, Raoti, Bhildi and Morwani; 9020 Up at Panch Pipaliya, Anas and Bordi; 9024 Up at Morwani, Bhildi, Raoti, Panch Pipaliya and Anas and that of 1269/ 1270 Express at Dahod and Meghnagar were provided from reason ber '88. Restoration of 111/112 Passengers is not feasible.

Employment to Dependents of Railway Employees

2168. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give employment to the dependents of the

railway employees; and

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to give preference to the dependents of serving or retired railway employees in the matter of employment on Railways. The extant policy is to provide equal opportunity for such employment to all aspirants for Railway service.

Instructions, however, exist for considering subject to certain conditions, appointment on compassionate grounds of eligible wards of Railways servants, who lose their lives in the course of duty or otherwise die in harness while in service or who retire from service on being medically decategorised/ incapacitated.

[English]

Setting up of Paper Mills

2169. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals to set up some paper mills in the country particularly in Kalahandi district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). While several applications have been received for setting up paper mills in different parts of the country, no such proposal has been received for District Kalahandi of Orissa. Applications received are decided as per the extant policy of the Government.