

(a) whether there is any provision/direction to provide facility of free bed roll (one blanket, two sheets, one pillow and one towel) in trains to Members of Parliament;

(b) whether the same facility is also provided to the companions of the Members of Parliament; and

(c) whether the Government also propose to provide the same facility to the freedom fighters and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Except where bed roll charges are included in the fare.

(c) does not arise.

Direct Train from Gaya to Madras

6513. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to introduce a direct train from Gaya junction to Madras or to extend train running between Madras and Bokaro upto Gaya; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[English]

Time Bound Promotions for Railway Employees

6514. SHRI LALIT ORAON. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) the criteria for time bound promotion in category-I, II, III and IV in the Indian Railways, separately;

(b) whether there is no provision of time bound promotion in category III and IV whereas such provision exists for category-I;

(c) whether employees in category IV under N.E. Railway, eastern railway and N.F. Railway are working in the same pay-scale for the last twenty years;

(d) whether the government propose to make provision of time bound promotion in category III and IV of all the Railways; and

(e) if so, by what time and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no provision for time bound promotion in any group of Indian Railways.

(c) There are some cases where promotion could not be made due to unsuitability or for want of vacancies.

(d) No, Sir,

(e) This depends upon the general policy of the Government and Railways cannot take a unilateral decision.

[Translation]

Houses for Tehri Dam Project Oustees

6515. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will be the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether large number of houses are being constructed for the rehabilitation of the Tehri Dam Project oustees,

(b) if so, whether cracks have developed in those houses; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES:(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Release of LPG Connections in Delhi

6516. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the reasons for not releasing LPG connections in Delhi to those persons who have registered their names in 1982 to 1985 while the persons who have registered their names after 1985 have already got LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS:(SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): The period of waiting varies from distributor to distributor depending on the product availability, pending waiting list and annual programme for enrolment of customers.

Congestion on Howrah-Kharagpur Section

6517. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS please state:

(a) whether there is congestion on the railway movements on Howrah-Kharagpur section on South-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to overcome the problem of over congestion on this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Daily Train Between Agra and Delhi

6518. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a daily super-fast train between Agra and Delhi to cater to the needs of the daily passengers; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Superfast Train From Delhi to Visakhapatnam

6519. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have any proposal to introduce daily super fast train from Delhi to Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.