

hence the question of passing strictures does not arise.

[English]

#### **Non-Teaching Staff In K.Vs.**

4841. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions relating to ad-hoc promotion in different posts of non-teaching staff in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) whether ad-hoc promotees are reverted back after rendering five or more years' service; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). According to information furnished by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training are followed in all matters of Personnel Administration by the Sangathan. These instructions, inter alia, provide that ad-hoc appointments by promotion may be made after appropriate screening by the appointing authority of the records of the officer; if there are no eligible officers as prescribed in the Recruitment Rules, necessary relaxation may be obtained from the competent authority and the claims of SC/ST should be considered in accordance with the guidelines in this regard. The instructions further provide that all ad-hoc appointees have to be replaced by the regular incumbents at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Trains from Malabar**

4842. SHRI A. VENKATESH

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SHRI K. MURALEE-DHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing trains running from Malabar to Madras, Trivandrum and Karnataka are inadequate to meet the demands of passengers there;

(b) if so, whether representations have been received to introduce more trains between the above stations; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). Some representations for introduction of more trains on these routes were received. Since the existing trains are by and large adequate to meet the demands of traffic offering, no additional train is proposed at present.

#### **Diesel Locomotives**

4843. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fuel efficiency Kit for Diesel Locomotives has been indigenously developed;

(b) if so, the extent of saving in fuel consumption with the use of the kit; and

(c) the likely annual saving on fuel with the introduction of the device?