

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 15 sanctioned posts of Medical Officers, 6 are lying vacant for want of qualified staff.

(c) In the absence of specialists, the work is being managed by locally trained regular doctors and a contract doctor. Recruitment for the posts of doctors of Indian Railways is made through UPSC, which has already initiated process for filling up these vacancies.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Regular doctors are expected to join after selection by UPSC.

Reservation Office

3146. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Reservation Office functioning in Pune city has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reopen it in view of inconvenience faced by the commuters there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). There are two City Booking Offices in Pune City - one at Raviwarbath and another at Deccan Gymkhana. The facility of issuing reserved tickets has been withdrawn from the City Booking Office located at Raviwarbath only in view of

its proximity to the main Computerised Reservation Office at Pune station.

(c) There is no proposal to restore the quota at Raviwarbath City Booking Office. Unreserved tickets continue to be issued from there.

Fare and Freight Committee

3147. PROF. UMMAREDDY
VENKATESWARLU:
SHRI ANAND RATNA
MAURYA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRI BAPU HARI
CHAURE:
SHRI R. SURENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fare and Freight Committee has submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether it has been examined;

(c) whether any of the recommendations made by the Committee will benefit the travelling public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has made 373 recommendations covering the entire gamut of fare and freight structure, out of which about 100 recommendations have been examined.