

### Economy Measures in India's Foreign Missions

1898. SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering fresh economy measures in the working of our foreign embassies/missions etc; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) (a) and (b). Government keep economy measures for our Missions and other establishments constantly under review and study. Recently this has been undertaken specifically in pursuance of the recommendations of Estimates Committee. As a result, it has been possible to reduce 33 India-based posts and 35 local posts. The study continues to be in progress.

With a view to cutting down recurring, and ever-increasing expenditure on rentals, Government have recently taken steps to purchase property abroad for some of our Chanceries, Embassy Residences and residential flats.

Government have also taken steps to curtail expenditure on telegrams, home leave passages, and hotel stays.

### Seniority List

1899. SHRI T. S. NEGI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a combined seniority list of IOW, PWI and D/men etc. was issued by Northern Railway Head Quarter in 1978;

(b) whether for regular promotion to posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil Wing) candidates are called for written test on the basis of said seniority list;

(c) whether in the matter of *ad hoc* promotions in Northern Railway

above seniority list is being ignored and drawing office staff is not considered for *ad hoc* promotion;

(d) whether several senior persons of drawing office have not been given *ad hoc* promotion, but junior persons of other categories have been given *ad hoc* promotion;

(e) if so, reasons therefor and whether any instructions to this effect have been received by Northern Railway from Railway Board; and

(f) position in other Regional Railways in the matter of *ad hoc* promotions to drawing office staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) to (e). Drawing Office staff are considered for promotion to Class II on Railways as per their combined seniority but they are promoted as Assistant Engineers only when posts in their stream become available.

No instructions in this regard have been issued by the Railway Board to the Northern Railway.

(f) Same as indicated against part (c) above.

### बाड़मेर-जोधपुर ट्रेन के साथ द्वितीय श्रेणी का शयन-यान जोड़ना

1900. श्री विरधी चन्द जैन : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बाड़मेर जिले के लोगों ने प्रातः चलने वाली बाड़मेर-जोधपुर ट्रेन के साथ एक द्वितीय श्रेणी का शयन-यान जोड़ने के लिये समय-समय पर बहुत से अभ्यावेदन दिये हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मांग को पूरा करने में उनके मंत्रालय को कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इन कठिनाइयों को दूर किया जायेगा और यदि हां, तो कब तक ?