

& Valsad on 13/14 Valsad Express, 15/16 Saurashtra Express and 23/24 Janata Express and also on 311 Sahyadri Express between Bombay and Pune.

(b) Double-decker coaches provide accommodation for 148 passengers as against the normal accommodation of 80-90 passengers in the ordinary second class coach providing an increase of 65-85 per cent.

(c) and (d). Only 4 double-decker coaches are on hand and their introduction on Bombay-Manmad or Howrah-Asansol routes is under examination and action as found feasible will be taken.

### Number of Passports Issued

2792. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who applied for passports during the last six months;

(b) the number of passports issued during that period; and

(c) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) 4,42,052.

(b) 4,38,183.

(c) 33. One application was rejected in public interest and the remaining 32 applications were rejected as court cases were pending against the applicants.

### Violation of Labour Laws by Industrial and Commercial Establishments

2793. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Industrial and Commercial

establishments in various States continue to violate labour laws including the minimum wages Act of 1948;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken against the erring employers;

(d) how many prosecutions have been launched against such erring employers in 1979-80; and

(e) how many such cases have been decided and how many are still pending during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

### पश्चिम रेलवे के उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय

2794. श्री छोटे सिंह यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे के मिडिल और उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालयों में गत दो वर्षों से अधिका की अधिस में तदर्थ आध्वार पर कितने वरिष्ठ और कनिष्ठ अध्यापक कार्य कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) उनके स्थान पर चुने गये अध्यापकों को नियुक्त करने में बिलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन पदों के लिये चयन की प्रक्रिया पूरी करने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपबन्धी (श्री मलिकार्जुन) :  
(क) मिडिल स्कूल में 2 कनिष्ठ अध्यापक तथा उच्चतर विद्यालयों में 12 कनिष्ठ और 5 वरिष्ठ अध्यापक ।

(ख) चुने गये अध्यापकों की नियुक्ति में देरी का कारण संबंधित कर्मचारियों की ओर से वरिष्ठता आदि के संबंध में अध्यावेदन प्राप्त होने के कारण चयन को अन्तिम रूप न दिया जाना है ।

(ग) आता है, 31-8-80 तक चयन के काम को अन्तिम रूप दे दिया जायेगा ।