

is deputed to ensure orderly clearance of traffic and maintenance of passenger queue.

#### Number of Indians in U.A.E.

3681. SHRI AHMAD MOHD. ASRAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians residing in U.A.E. (United Arab Emirate) as on date;

(b) the number of Indians who have been ordered by U.A.E. Government to leave that country by 21-6-80;

(c) whether U.A.E. Government has started fresh recruitment of Indians;

(d) if so, the number of Indians to be recruited this year and in future years, year-wise and mode and agencies for recruitment; and

(e) whether recruitment is being done under any agreement and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Since Indian nationals abroad are not required to register themselves with the Indian Embassy, the precise number of Indian nationals in U.A.E. is not known. Their number, however, is estimated to be approximately 200,000.

(b) In accordance with the recent measures announced by the U.A.E. many Indian nationals who did not have proper authorisation to stay in U.A.E. have left. Their number is not known.

(c) Employers in U.A.E. have been recruiting fresh workers from India.

(d) The recruitment of workers for deployment in U.A.E. is not channelised through Government of India. The U.A.E. employers normally recruit workers from open market in India through their duly appointed

recruiting agents. It is, therefore, not possible to give the number of Indian workers to be recruited in future.

(e) Recruitment of Indian workers for deployment in U.A.E. is not done under any agreement between the two countries.

#### Flag Station at Durgachak

3682. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration to build a Flag Station at Durgachak (near Tamluk-Haldia Bus line) of the Panskura-Hatiberia (Haldia) section of the South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) South Eastern Railway has decided to open a passenger halt at Silpa Pradesh between Durgachak and Haldia stations. In view of one passenger halt being opened on this section, there is no justification for opening yet another flag station in such close proximity.

#### Overbridge near Karur Railway Station

3683. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of overbridge near Karur Railway Station on Karur-Salem Highway, Southern Railway for which survey has been completed, will be taken up for execution; and

(b) the reasons, if any, for the delay?