

These posts have been filled on the basis of seniority-cum-suitability.

(c) and (d). At present there are only five Assistants with more than 15 years service in the grade who are still working as Assistants in scale Rs. 425-800 (RS). No proposal for giving time-bound promotion to these staff is under consideration in this Ministry.

Introduction of new trains on S. E. Railway

2730. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many new trains have been introduced on the South Eastern Railway since 1 January, 1982, year-wise ;

(b) how many kilometres of Railway line have been added on the South Eastern Railway since 1 January, 1982, year-wise ; and

(c) the freight that the South Eastern Railway carried from 1982 to 1984, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The information is as under :—

Calendar year	Trains introduced	
	Non-suburban	Suburban
1982	6	9
1983	10	1
1984	20	18

(b) The information is as under :—

Year	New Lines added
1982	Nil
1983	Nil
1984	24 kms.

(c) Statistics are maintained only on a financial year basis. The information for the last three financial years is given below :

Year	Tonnes originating (000)	Tonnes carried on the system. (000)
1981-82	78,989	92,619
1982-83	80,678	96,459
1983-84	80,579	96,546

Enquiry into the affairs of Calcutta Port Trust

2731. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a news published in 'Kalantar' a Bengali daily dated 19.2.1985 that the Calcutta Port Trust is becoming a losing concern in spite of its viability ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that furniture was purchased by Calcutta Port Trust without any tender ;

(c) if so, the reasons for the irregularities and how much money involved in this transaction ;

(d) whether the salaries or wages were given to four thousand employees who were idle ; and

(e) whether Government propose to make an enquiry to investigate the situation in Calcutta Port and its viability ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Furniture is not being purchased by Calcutta Port Trust without going through the process of tender. However, in 1982 and 1984, six steel chairs on each occasion were purchased on an emergency basis for use of visitors to the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman. These chairs were purchased for Rs. 1830/-