

Vacancies in Kharagpur Railway Workshop

2605. SHRI NARAYAN CHOU-BEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of staff at the S. E. Railway Workshop at Kharagpur ;

(b) what is the actual number of staff at Kharagpur workshop as on 30 June, 1985 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that vacancies at Kharagpur Workshop have not been filled up for a long time ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Railway authorities of the S E. Railway are finding it difficult to have targetted production due to manpower shortage ; and

(e) if so, when the recruitment in Kharagpur Workshop will start ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL). (a) 14,405 (Group C & D).

(b) 13,165 (Group C & D).

(c) There are some vacancies which could not be filled up due to reasons like ban on filling in vacancies, non-availability of suitable candidates of reserved communities etc.

(d) These vacancies have effect on increasing POH of Electric and Diesel Locos etc.

(e) Efforts are being made to fill up the existing vacancies keeping in view the extant instructions on the subject.

Central Assistance for Improvement and Expansion of State Road Transport Corporation during Seventh Plan

2606. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether in view of the mounting losses sustained by the State Road Transport Corporations over the past many years, his Ministry has suggested a series of measures to the State Governments for toning up the working of the State Road Transport Corporations ;

(b) whether some of the States have asked for Central assistance in the Seventh Plan to improve and expand their road transportation ; and

(c) if so, the names of the States and the amount asked for and Government's reaction thereto ?

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

(a) The State Governments, under whose direct administrative control the State Road Transport Corporation function, are advised from time to time to take steps for improving physical and financial performance of Corporations. Measures suggested are replacement of overaged buses, proper maintenance and utilisation of fleet, rational inventory management, economy in fuel consumption by rationalising routes and using fuel efficiency devices, revision of fare structure to accomodate cost escalation etc.

(b) and (c) : No specific proposals were received from the States for Central assistance for improvement or expansion of road transport during the 7th Plan. The Central Government, however, has been providing capital contribution in the form of interest bearing non-refundable loan to the extent of 50% of State Government's Capital Contribution, to the respective State Road Transport Corporations set up under the RTC Act, 1950 on an agreed level of Capital Contribution to be made.

Centres for Early Diagnosis of Cancer and Setting up of More Centres

2607. SHRI AMAR SINGH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of