

(SHRI DALBIR SINGH) ; (a) and (b). Notices have been served to vacate the land. Jhuggi dwellers in Sector-IV have however, obtained a stay order from the Court.

(c) The jhugges will be removed after the stay is vacated.

[English]

Allocation of Land to Private Builders for Houses

3642. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to permit private builders to raise foreign loans, construct houses and collect payment from purchasers as per the Delhi Development Authority guide lines;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allocate land to private builders to take up such projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of reply to part (b), the question does not arise.

Physical Verification of Work Force in Railways

3643. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a ban on fresh recruitment in the Railways since 1980 except for recruitment against sports quota and relations of employees who die while in service;

(b) if so, whether the work force is steadily on the increase inspite of the ban and normal retirement of employees on superannuation;

(c) if so, whether there is a system of periodical physical verification to ensure against fictitious payments; and

(d) if so, when was such verification last carried out ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir. There has been no total ban on fresh recruitment in the Railways since 1980. Some limited ban imposed on filling up of non-operational posts has also been since relaxed in 1986.

(b) The total strength in the Railways in 1983-84 was 15.92 lakh which has marginally increased to 16.12 lakh in 1986-87. This increase is attributable to additional staff sanctioned in connection with operation/maintenance of new assets/new organisations set up during this period for handling additional traffic/workload.

(c) Payment of salaries in cash through cashiers is arranged in the presence of a witnessing official—normally a supervisor-nominated by the Bill Drawing Officer to facilitate physical verification. Thumb impression registers are also maintained. Witnessing of payment on surprise basis and verification of thumb impression are also carried out periodically by accounts.

(d) The verification mentioned in (c) above in its very nature is a continuous process.

Railway Projects in West Bengal

3644. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the railway projects under construction in West Bengal;

(b) the year since when these projects are under construction;

(c) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects during the last three years; and

(d) the progress made so far in the work at each of these projects ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (d). Details of major Metropolitan Transport and New Line railway projects approved for construction in West Bengal are as under :