

Surplus Workers Due to Closure of Steam Locomotive Sheds

4176. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any strategy to absorb the staff rendered surplus on account of closure of Steam Locomotive Sheds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Regular staff rendered surplus due to progressive closure of Steam Traction are not discharged but are being redeployed in ether posts either in the existing vacancies or against creations for new activities, after suitable training in alternative skills, as required. Till they are absorbed in alternative posts, they are allowed to continue against 'special supernumerary' posts in the same grade in which the incumbents were working.

For the above purpose, certain broad guidelines have been laid down within the broad framework thereof and depending upon the local situations, Zonal Railway Administrations have powers to redeploy the surplus staff suitably.

Kovvur Railway Station (A.P.)

4177. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken to improve Kovvur (West Godavari) station in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of improvements to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Improvement to stations including remodelling of station buildings, is a continuous process and the same is done on a need-based programme, in phases, subject to availability of funds. The facilities provided at Kovvur Railway station are adequate for the level of traffic presently being handled and there is no proposal, at present, for further development of the station.

Railway Hospital at Tamluk Station

4178. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of setting up a railway hospital including a blood bank at Tamluk railway station of the Panskura-Haldia section of S.E. Railway; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The engineering work of extension to the existing health unit at Tamluk for converting it into a polyclinic is in progress. Facilities provided would be consistent with workload and essential requirements.

Assistance to Fishing Units

4179. SHRI T. BALA GOUD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 10th March 1989 to Unstarred question No. 2089 regarding SCICI assistance to fishing units and state:

(a) the nature of rehabilitation given to the two companies;

(b) whether small entrepreneurs are summoned to Bombay to meet the Shipping