

since filed the affidavit of compliance, which is under examination.

Appointment in Class IV Cadres

2798. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a report of corrupt practice in the matter of appointment in Class IV cadres by forged signature of Sr D.O.S.(T), Dhanbad, Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken on that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Yes. A complaint forwarded by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament was received by the Zonal Railway on 18th February, 1978 and the same is under investigation.

Strength of S. Ms. and A. S. Ms.

2800 SHRI RAM PRAKASH TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual and sanctioned strength of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters over all Indian Railways Division-wise and grade-wise;

(b) the total number of posts of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters lying vacant in Delhi Division grade-wise; and

(c) steps taken by the Administration to fill up those vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Reservation arrangement at Kishanganj Railway Station

2801. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the travelling public are suffering great hardship to get reservation of berth/seat from Kishanganj and Araria to Delhi and Calcutta in N.F. Railways; and

(b) whether in view of such hardship Government propose to make arrangement of reservation of berth/seat facilities at Kishanganj and Araria Railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) At present, the following quota, have been allotted to Kishanganj and Arariya stations in Delhi and Calcutta bound trains:

	Kishanganj	
	Ist Class	Second Sleeper Seats
(i) 155 Dn Tinsukia Mail		6
(ii) 4 Dn Assam Mail	2	5
(iii) 85 Up Assam Mail		2
(iv) 166 Dn Janata		14
(v) 348 Dn Passenger	2	2
	Arariya	
	Second sleeper berths	
(i) 44 Dn Darjeeling Mail		2

2. These arrangements are considered adequate for the present level of traffic, as even these quotas are not fully utilised

Railway in Loss

2802. SHRI PADMACHARAN SAMANTASINHERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Railways are going on loss;

(b) if so, what is the income and expenditure, Railway-wise,

(c) what action has been taken in this regard and

(d) what is the extra expenditure provided for those Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In the year 1976-77 (4 zonal Railways i.e., Eastern, North Eastern, Northeast Frontier and Southern, out of the total 9 zonal Railways, showed loss. Financial result of each of the 9 zonal Railways is given in the statement attached.

(c) The jurisdiction of Zonal Railways is based, not so much on the economic viability of each zone as on considerations of co-ordinated and integrated operation. Some Zonal Railways are bound to show better financial results while others may not be so happily placed due to operational peculiarities

(d) Does not arise.