

(c) Operational Research

The operational research cell undertakes studies of complex problem areas of railway working. These problems are generally of All India dimension and involve the use of total systems concepts, leaning heavily on quantitative management techniques widely known as Operational Research Methods.

Implementation of various recommendations made in the studies conducted by Operational Research Cell are expected to result in avoidance of additional expenditure of the order of Rs. 227.93 lakhs on capital account and Rs. 10.93 lakhs per annum on revenue accounts.

4. Apart from the above, the following further economy measures have been adopted as highlighted in the Railway Minister's Budget Speech for 1978-79 :

- (a) As compared to the original five regular Members and eight Additional Members, the Board has now only five Members, assisted by three Advisers, who do not form part of the Board.
- (b) The Third Pay Commission had recommended abolition of the system of providing bungalow peons to individual officers on the Railways. The matter is under examination and a decision will be taken soon.
- (c) Use of inspection carriages, which are popularly known as "Saloons" has already been restricted. A suggestion for offering some of these carriages, in addition to tourists is under consideration. This would bring in additional revenue.
- (d) Railway officers on duty are at present entitled to travel with their entire families. In order to release more accommodation for general public, it has been decided that in future children will not be entitled to travel with the officers on duty pass in train service.

5. Minister of Railways has also announced in both the Houses that the additional burden of Rs. 19.81 crores arising from revision of excise duty etc. announced in the General Budget will be met largely by effecting economies.

Recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission

4612 SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of the recommendations of the Administrative

Reforms Commission that have been accepted by the Railway Ministry ;

- (b) how many of them are implemented ;
- (c) how many are yet to be implemented and the expected time for the same ;
- (d) the reasons for not accepting the remaining recommendations of the A.R.C. ; and
- (e) what burden would have to be borne in kind and cash by the Railways in implementing the recommendations of the A.R.C. which have been accepted by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT-1942/78];

Train Examiner

4613 SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Technical Personnel on the Indian Railways known as Train Examiners have to work in the initial grade for more than 25 years; and
- (b) if so, what remedial measures are contemplated in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) and (b). With a view to providing better avenues of promotion to this category of staff, improvements have been made in the cadre from time to time.

In the pre-revised pay structure—

- (i) 1000 posts in Rs. 180-240 were merged in 1972 with Rs. 205-280; and
- (ii) 900 posts in Rs. 205-280 and 200 posts in Rs. 250-380 were upgraded in 1974 to Rs. 250-380 and Rs. 335-425 respectively.

In the revised pay structure—

- (iii) 217 posts in Rs. 425-700 were upgraded in 1976 to Rs. 550-750 ; and
- (iv) 1011 and 185 posts were upgraded in 1978 from Rs. 425-700 to Rs. 550-750 and Rs. 700-900 respectively