

Promotional prospects in Railways

1211. SHRI SUDHIR GHOSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a considerable number of employees are stagnating at the maximum of the pay due to inadequacy of promotional prospects;

(b) whether Government are contemplating of a scheme of automatic promotion to next higher grade after 10 years of working in a particular post; and

(c) whether Government as an alternative to Part (b), are considering merger of 2 grades into a single grade for enabling employees to draw higher stages of a combined scale of pay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Some degree of stagnation does exist in certain categories.

(b) No.

(c) The entire issue of affording relief to those stagnated at the maximum of the pay scales is under active consideration of the National Council under the Joint Consultative Machinery. From time to time, cadre restructuring is also undertaken whereby a large number of higher graded posts are created in lieu of a corresponding number of lower graded posts. The last such exercise was done in 1976, resulting in the upgradation of over 25000 class III posts of several categories.

Representations to G. M., Central Railway

1212. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 73 on 21st February, 1978 regarding representation from goods train drivers and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final action on the repre-

sentations made to G. M., Central Railway, Bombay by about 150 goods-train drivers regarding their grievances and difficulties; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). The issue has been discussed with Organised Labour and an agreed solution devised to the effect that staff from the category of Assistant Driver for being eligible for promotion to Shunter/Driver 'C' should have a minimum service of six years in the former grade and that staff in the Driver 'C' grade should have six years service in the grade for being eligible for promotion as Motorman. This is being processed for implementation.

बील्लीमोरा-बघई छोटी लाइन को मीटर गैज लाइन में बदलना

1213. श्री छीतुमाई गामीत : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बील्लीमोरा-बघई छोटी लाइन को मीटर गैज लाइन में बदलने का एक प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त लाइन मीटर लाइन में कब तक बदल दी जायेगी और इस प्रयोजन के लिये मंत्रालय द्वारा की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्योरा क्या है ?

रेल मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) और (ख). संसाधनों की कठिन स्थिति के कारण इस समय बील्लीमोरा-बघई छोटी लाइन को मीटर लाइन अथवा बड़ी लाइन में बदलने के लिए अ.मान परिवर्तन का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।