

Railway Accommodation for S.E. Railway Employees

1294. SHRI SUDHIR GHOSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of employees in S.E. Railway have not been provided with Railway accommodation;

(b) whether the funds provided for construction of new Railway quarters in S.E. Railway are inadequate when compared with the magnitude of the housing problem;

(c) whether Government propose to arrange implementation of funds from Life Insurance Corporation of India in view of the Manual Labour employment potential in the House Building activities; and

(d) if so, the quantum of such Life Insurance Corporation investment proposed for the building of residential flats in Railway colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Out of about 2 lakh employees on South-Eastern Railway, 86,590 are housed in railway quarters.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Remodelling of Kalyan Station Yard

1295. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1021 on 28th February, 1978 regarding representation of sixty persons of Kalyan and state:

(a) since when the question of remodelling the Station yard of Kalyan (Dist. Thana, Maharashtra) is under consideration of Government;

(b) what are the reasons for not taking the decision on a long pending vital issue;

(c) what special efforts were made during the period of last one year to overcome the difficulties Railway Administration faced in taking the decision and with what result; and

(d) when the said issue shall be decided in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (d) The question of shifting of the goods shed at Kalyan has been under consideration for about 7 years. It could not be taken up for construction so far on account of shortage of funds and pressing demands for removing transport bottlenecks in other critical areas. The work has now been included in the Budget for 1978-79 at a cost of Rs. 58.11 lakhs and outlay of Rs. 7 lakhs in the first year.

Rail Services on Sangli-Miraj Section

1296. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 954 on the 28th February, 1978 regarding railway service on Sangli-Miraj track and state:

(a) what is the progress up to date of the proposal for introducing rail-services on Sangli-Miraj section of South Central Railway and also to reopen the Madhavanagar station;

(b) whether Government have decided any date-line to take a decision in the matter if so, the limit thereon; and

(c) if not, the difficulties thereon and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). The question of developing railway facilities in Miraj-Sangli-Madhavnagar area is still under consideration, in consultation with Sangli-Miraj Regional Planning Board, which has been set up by the State Govt. for planning the integrated develop-