

pair of trains was restored on 24-7-78 and another pair on 26-7-78. At present only one pair of trains remains cancelled. This will be restored as and when the steam coal position becomes satisfactory.

Regularisation of services of Casual Workers

4858. SHRI T. S. NEGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services of casual workers with six months service are regularised by Government;

(b) whether there are employees in the catering department of the Railways who have rendered more than three years service but have not been made regular;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and whether Government proposed to regularise the services of these casual workers;

(d) whether an interview was held in January, 1978 for the regularisation of services of casual workers working in the canteens in Parliament House and its Annex;

(e) if so, how many workers were made regular as a result thereof indicating the length of their service; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS : (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) Casual workers with over 120 days of service are eligible for screening but their regularisation will depend on vacancies being available.

(b) Yes.

(c) As stated in reply to part (a) of the Question, regularisation of services of casual workers depends on the availability of regular vacancies. The screened candidates are listed and absorbed in regular vacancies as and when the same occur.

(d) to (f) A sitting of the Screening Committee was held in January 1978 but the screening of all the casual labour could not be finalised as the eligibility of some of them was under examination. The screening will be finalised shortly.

Trains Originating from and terminating at Allahabad

4859. SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mail, express and passenger trains originating and terminating from and to Allahabad and through mail, express and passenger trains including parcels express with stoppage at Allahabad during the financial years 1960-61, 1961-62, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78.

(b) the number of parcels packages handled at Allahabad including packages in sealed vans during the financial years 1960-61, 1961-62, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78; and

(c) the assessed number of parcel proters required to exclusively handle parcels traffic at Allahabad upon which monthly lump-sum rate payable to handling contractors was fixed by Railways during the financial years 1960-61, 1961-62, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) The number of trains originating and terminating and passing through Allahabad including Parcel Express and COD shuttle were 46 in 1960-61, 46 in 1961-62, 66 in 1975-76, 74 in 1976-77 and during 1977-78 were 74.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.

Statement

(b) Yearwise comparative figures of packages booked, received and handled at parcel transit at Allahabad are as under :

Year	No. of Packages Booked	No. of Packages received	transit Packages handled	Total No. of packages dealt with
1960-61 } 1961-62 }	Figures are not available as records have since been destroyed.			
1975-76	288791	371125	549660	1209576
1976-77	327812	420738	567210	1325760
1977-78	345917	410972	569184	1326073