

(b) if so, when and to how many; and

(c) if not, the reasons of delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes.

(b) 46 apprentices were called for an oral test on the 19th March, 1979.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of 200 Feet Wide Road Near Shastri Nagar

11159. **CHAUDHARY HALBIR SINGH:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a 200 feet wide road near Shastri Nagar;

(b) if so, the broad details of the plan as to where this road will be linked and why this road has not begun so far; and

(c) the time by which the road in question will begin and open to the general public for use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) There is no such proposal according to the information received from the Local Authorities concerned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Booking of Clerk Grade-I

11160. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the Western Railway only direct recruited graduates after 1st October, 1962, as Clerk Grade-I have been booked against shadow posts, whereas the Clerks Grade II recruited after 1st October, 1962 have been denied their promotion as Clerk Grade I against shadow posts even after qualifying Appendix IIA examination?

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

Recruitment of Staff for Accounts Department

11161. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total number of staff recruited during the last three years in the Accounts Department of each zonal Railway separately, against graduate vacancies as Clerk Grade I recruited as Clerk Grade II and since promoted as Clerk Grade I against shadow posts?

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

Flood Advance

11162. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of staff in the Traffic Accounts Office, Northern Railway and Foreign Traffic Accounts Office, Western Railway at Delhi-Kisanganj who had applied for Flood Advance in the year 1978;

(b) whether payment has since been arranged to the staff, and

(c) if not, steps taken by Government to arrange payment to give relief to the affected staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) 395.

(b) Except in the case of one applicant, who did not meet the requirements of the Rules governing sanction of flood advance, payment has already been arranged in respect of all other employees.