

Reservation through Travel Agencies

5290. SHRI SARAT KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is in the notice of Government that the reservation of rail accommodation through the registered travel agencies has been rise to corruption and malpractices;

(b) what is the number of registered travel agencies functioning in the country and in Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to do away with this system; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No complaint regarding malpractices indulged in by registered travel agencies has come to the notice of the Railway Administration. However, complaints of malpractices indulged in by unauthorised travel agencies, specially during periods of rush, have been received.

(b) 38 including 13 in Delhi.

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal under consideration. The system of appointing tourist agents is primarily intended to cater to foreign tourist traffic as also to facilitate such of the domestic passengers who want to save themselves the trouble of going to reservation offices and queuing up there.

Crossing near Savanur Railway Station

5291. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a), whether representations were received to man the crossings near Karajgi Railway Station at Savanur Railway Station;

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(b) whether agriculturists with their carts have to wait for long at nights at the gates as they are kept always closed at nights; and

(c) whether action would be taken to man those two gates at the crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) A representation was received for posting of a separate gatekeeper exclusively for manning the level crossing near Savanur Railway Station only.

(b) and (c). The gates of the level crossings at Savanur Railway Station and Karajgi Railway Station are normally kept open to road traffic and are closed only during train movements. No cases of undue detention to road traffic during night time at these level crossings have been received by the Railway.

मंगानगर पर रेलवे पुल

5292. श्रीधरी हरीराम मन्कासर गोवारा:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में लोगों की सुविधा के लिये मंगानगर, सुरतगढ़ और सादुलपुर को जोड़ने वाले किसी रेलवे पुल का निर्माण नहीं किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या ऐसे पुल के निर्माण की शीघ्र आवश्यकता है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विजय नारायण) :

(क) इस प्रकार के किसी रेलवे पुल का निर्माण नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

Wagons supplied by Eastern Railway to Coal India Limited

5293. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway wagons supplied by the Eastern Railway to