

be taken by the Planning Commission when the National Five Year Plan is finalised, keeping in view the recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee which is examining, *inter-alia*, the criteria to be adopted for construction of new railway lines.

Proposal to run trains upto Joginder Nagar

666. SHRI DURGA CHAND : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that out of 4 trains in Kangra Valley Railway track, one goes upto Joginder Nagar and other to Baijnath, Paprola and the remaining two upto Nagrota only ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what steps are being taken for providing reservation facilities at Joginder Nagar, Baijnath, Paprola, Nagrota and Palampur ?

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

(b) On the NG Section between Pathankot and Joginder Nagar the maximum volume of passenger traffic is between Pathankot and Nagrota. To meet this pattern of traffic two trains have been scheduled between Pathankot and Nagrota and one train each up to Baijnath Paprola and Jogindernagar.

Apart from traffic justification, extension of all the four trains upto Jogindernagar is not possible at present due to non-availability of NG Diesel Locomotives.

(c) All trains running on the Pathankot-Jogindernagar Narrow Gauge Section being day trains, reservation arrangements are not necessary. Regarding reservation of accommodation by connecting B.G. trains, the traffic offering on N.G. section is meagre which does not justify allotment of a separate quota. Demands for reservation, whenever received, are complied with by sending messages to the train starting reservation controlling point.

Tea in earthen cups at stations

667. SHRI DURGA CHAND. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4237 on the 22nd March, 79 regarding tea in earthen cups and state :

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce kulhads (earthen cups) for serving tea at Railway stations to restore jobs to thousands of potters ; and

(b) if so, what is the decision and by what time it will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) and (b). On a number of Zonal Railways, kulhads are already in use for sale of tea through vendors on platforms. Instructions were issued recently to all the Zonal Railways to make all efforts to maximise the use of kulhads keeping in view various aspects like passengers' reaction, cleanliness etc.

Reports received from the Zonal Railways indicate that use of kulhads has been gradually increasing. On Southern and South Central Railways, however, use of kulhads *i.e.* earthen cups is not in vogue as passengers do not like to use them.

Director of Rail Movement Calcutta

668. SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director of Rail Movement, Calcutta has been able to allocate the required yearly quota of railway wagons for priority movement of coal and coke for various States during 1978-79.

(b) if not, what is the extent of shortfall ; and

(c) when the position is expected to be normalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) to (c). Director, Rail Movement, Calcutta, allocated quotas for movement of various types of coal and coke to different States based on demands received from sponsoring authorities of State and Central Governments. A target of loading about 10,000 wagons per day was set by the railways for the year 1978-79. The actual loading was, however, 9000 wagons per day. Efforts are being made to improve the level of loading.