

(2) 3 अप/4 डाउन-दिल्ली-अहमदाबाद एक्सप्रेस

(3) 5 अप/6 डाउन-भागरा फोर्ट अहमदाबाद तेज यात्री गाड़ी

(4) 31 अप/32 डाउन-जयंती जनता एक्सप्रेस

(5) 19 अप/20 डाउन-मेहसाना-दिल्ली तेज यात्री गाड़ी

(ख) वर्तमान प्लेटफार्म में कोई परिवर्धन अथवा परिवर्तन करने का किलहान प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Sailing Vessel Industry

7200. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sailing vessel industry is getting loss; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) and (b). The non-mechanised sailing vessels plying on the coast are incurring losses mainly for the following reasons:—

(i) No financial assistance is being rendered to non-mechanised sailing vessels and the owners of these vessels have to borrow funds from private parties at exorbitant rates of interest or enter into freight contracts for the season at very low and uneconomical rates.

(ii) High rates of premium of full insurance. Laid up period of four months prescribed by the underwriters results in operation of a sailing vessel only for 8 months in a year.

(iii) Competition from road transport. The mechanised sailing vessels suffered losses during the recession

period of 1977-78 and 1978-79 but currently the position has improved.

Programme to Popularise Hindi abroad

7201. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the Recommendation of the Sub-Committee of Parliament on Official Language some posts for Hindi Section of Indian Council for Cultural Relations were created;

(b) if so, how these posts have been filled up and the duties assigned to each official appointed against the post and what were their age, educational qualifications and previous experience;

(c) whether the action required on the implementation of the approved programme has been taken in hand with appropriate allocation of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The posts were filled in accordance with the ICCR Service Rules and keeping in view the qualifications and previous experience prescribed by Government from time to time for the candidates. The duties assigned to each official against the post, their age, educational qualifications and previous experience are given in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations has taken in hand the implementation of the approved programme. However, the Governing Body of the Council has decided to finance the items of work from the respective heads under the existing activities of the Council without allocating separate funds.

(d) The following programme has been drawn up by the Council for this purpose:

- (i) Strengthening of the Cultural relations with Hindi speaking people abroad including those of Indian origin in countries of Asia, Africa, Carribean areas, Fiji, etc. through enlarged programme of exchange of Hindi speaking artistes and scholars.
- (ii) Expansion of the welfare activities of the Council such as study-tours and camps for Hindi-speaking foreign students in India.
- (iii) Extension of scholarships to foreign students for studying Hindi in India under the ICCR programme of scholarships.
- (iv) Strengthening of Hindi teaching arrangements abroad and exploring possibilities for seeking recognition of these classes through affi-

liation with Indian universities/recognised Hindi teaching institutes.

- (v) Publication of selected titles in Hindi.
- (vi) Addition of more titles to the I.C.C.R. library and under the "Scheme of presentation of books to libraries and institutions abroad".
- (vii) Screening of selected Hindi films for benefit of Hindi knowing foreign students at ICCR auditorium.
- (viii) Arrangements for teaching Hindi and other Indian languages to interested foreign students at ICCR Headquarters and Regional Centres.
- (ix) Arrangements for Hindi classes for the staff of the Council in collaboration with the Department of Official Language.

Statement

Post	Duties assigned	Age	Educational Qualifications	Previous Experience
1	2	3	4	5
1. O.S.D. (Hindi)	Overall supervision work relating to Hindi	44 years. 6 months	B.A., licentiate in Teaching. Diploma in Dramatics. Specialisation in production.	Done creative work in theatre Television. Translated Marathi, Malayalam & Gujarati novels in Hindi and English
2. Programme Officer	Assistance to OSD (Hindi) in work relating to Hindi	44 yrs. 4 months	B.A.	3 years experience in Publication Division, ISI. Senior Proof Reader in Publication Division in NCAER. Served as Publication Assistant in NCAER.
3. Publication Assistant	Assistance in publication of Hindi Quarterly 'Gaganachal'.	28 years.	B.A. Passed from Hindi Sahitya Parishad, Allahabad.	Asst. Editor for 4 years in Chandausi. Articles published in "Ram geela Times" and "Tumul Tufani."

1	2	3	4	5
Publication Assistant.	Assistantce in publication of Hindi Quarterly "Gaganachal"	25 years 6 months.	B.A. Hons in Hindi and M.A. in Hindi.	3 years experience of translation, proof reading and editing. Assisted in publication of special "Renu" edition of "Sarika" Magazine.
5. Junior Stenographer (Hindi)	Hindi Stenography	20 years 4 months	Higher Secondary.	--
6. Hindi Typist	Hindi Typing	22 years 8 months.	B.A.	Since 1976 working as LDG English-com-Hindi typist. Knows Hindi Shorthand.

Late Running of Trains on Sealdah-Ranaghat-Lalgola Section

7202. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most UP and DN passenger trains between Sealdah and Lalgola-Krishnapur stations on the Sealdah-Ranaghat-Lalgola Section under the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway run systematically late and reach their destinations in both directions inordinately delayed much behind the scheduled times as shown on the time table; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The punctuality performance of trains on Sealdah-Ranaghat-Lalgola section has not been satisfactory mainly due to loco failures, crossings and precedences, miscreant activities, signal defects etc. Besides, Ranaghat-Lalgola section is a single line section and any late running of train on this section leaves little scope to make up time due to displaced crossings and precedences enroute.

However, all efforts are being made to improve punctuality performance of the trains running on this section and avoidable cases of detention are being suitably taken up.

सिगरेटों, बीड़ियों और हुक्कों के धुएं में टार और निकोटीन

7203. श्री एस० बी० सिदनाल: क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टाटा मेमोरियल अस्पताल में कैसर अनुसंधान संस्थान के अन्तर्गत (1) सिगरेट (2) बीड़ी और (3) हुक्के के धुएं में टार और निकोटीन की उपलब्धता के संबंध में अनुसंधान किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारत में निम्नित बीड़ियों एवं सिगरेटों में अन्य देशों के उसी प्रकार के उत्पादों की तुलना