

**Post of Divisional Personnel Officer**

1236. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the names of Divisions on the Northern Railway in which the post of Divisional Personnel Officer has been upgraded to that of Senior D.P.O. and the manner in which these posts have been filled up;

(b) whether in some of the Divisions the existing incumbents are being continued although some of them have not been selected for promotion by the Union Public Service Commission;

(c) whether it is due to non-availability of selected personnel to replace them or some other reasons and in the latter case what are these; and

(d) how long it will take to replace them with the selected persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The posts of Divisional Personnel Officers in Moradabad, Ferozpur, Bikaner and Jodhpur Divisions of the Northern Railway have been recently upgraded to that of Senior Divisional Personnel Officers. While the post of Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Ferozpur has been filled in by a selected Junior Administrative Grade Officer of the Indian Railway Personnel Service, the remaining posts will be filled shortly by selected JA Grade Officers of the Indian Railway Personnel Service, as soon as the final list of Indian Railway Personnel Service optees, now under compilation in the current initial Constitution stage of the Indian Railway Personnel Service, is drawn up.

**Villages covered by Railways**

1237. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the programme about laying of new railway tracks during 1980 and

1981 to connect the distant villages by rail with a view to catering to the need of rural areas;

(b) the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) when the new tracks proposed to be laid will be opened to public traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). There are 26 new line projects in progress in 1980-81 (approved before 31-3-80) with an aggregate length of 1800 km. These are dispersed all over India. These will be progressively completed one by one from 1980-81 onwards.

All these projects are estimated to cost around Rs. 441 crores and an expenditure of Rs. 150 crores has been incurred upto 31-3-1980. A sum of Rs. 45 crores has been proposed during 1980-81.

4 new line projects costing about Rs. 60 crores with a total length of 285 km. have been included in the budget for 1980-81. These will also be completed in about 5 to 6 years' time after 1981-82 when the work on them will be in full swing.

**Signal and Tele-communication staff**

1238. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the total strength of the signal and tele-communication staff in the Katihar division of the North Eastern Railway;

(b) how many of them have been allotted railway quarters;

(c) whether all essential staff of signal and Tele-communication Department have been allotted railway quarters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Investment by Southern Railway**

1239. **SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern Railway has invested over six crores of rupees by way of capital contribution to the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, losses incurred by the above Corporation in the years 1978 and 1980; and

(c) whether Southern Railway has its representation in the management of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) Yes.

(b) 1978-79: Rs. 3.71 Crores 1979-80: Rs. 13.11 crores.

(c) Yes.

**Modernisation scheme of Madras Port Trust**

1240. **SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modernisation scheme has been submitted to Government by the Madras Port Trust;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Provision of Container Terminal.

(ii) Expansion of Jawahar Dock.

(c) A decision would be taken on merits of the proposals.

**Sangli-Miraj branch line**

1241. **SHRI R. K. MHALGI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned bringing of old Madhavagar Station on the main line and joining it to the New Sangli and restoration of the Sangli-Miraj Branch line;

(b) if so, the progress made so far and the amount released therefor; and

(c) when the said project is likely to be completed?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) to (c). Bringing old Madhavagar on the main line by providing a chord line between Nandre and New Sangli, and restoration of Miraj-Sangli rail link have already been included in the interim rail budget 1980-81 with an initial outlay of Rs. one lakh each. Further action will be taken after regular budget is passed.

**Number of tickets issued from Gwalior**

1242. **SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the daily average number of tickets issued from Gwalior to Bombay and Gwalior to Kandwa, Manmad, Nasik and Kalyan and other important stations between Itarsi and Bombay VT?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** The total daily average number of tickets of all