

(a) The seminar was held in May, 1980. Official proceedings of seminar have not been received yet by the Government. It is, however, understood that the seminar recommended setting up of a 'National Port Authority' as a statutory body to coordinate port policies at national level.

(b) The suggestion will be considered on merit in due course.

Increasing Wages of Casual Workers

1375. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHACK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase wages of Casual workers in the Central Government offices in Delhi;

(b) if so, to what extent this will help the workers and in which sectors;

(c) whether States have also been asked to increase the wages of their casual workers; and

(d) if so, the reaction of States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) The daily wage rate of unskilled casual workers employed in the Central Government Offices in Delhi and New Delhi has been revised with effect from 1st January, 1980, as Rs. 9.25 per day.

(b) As a result of this revision, the unskilled casual workers get an increase of Rs. 2.95 per day in their wages.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. It is for the State Governments to take appropriate action.

Late Running of Chetak Express

1376. SHRI JAI NARAIN ROAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Chetak Express from Udaipur to Delhi was late during the last six months;

(b) the main reason for late arrival of this train at Delhi and Udaipur; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the running of this train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) from December 1979 to May, 1980, 216 Dn Chetak Express reached Delhi late on 96 occasions.

(b) 215 Up/216 Dn Chetak Expresses ran late during this period due to various reasons like alarm chain pulling, loco losses, maintaining connections with 74 Dn Khandwa-Chittauragarh fast Passenger, agitations, bad weather etc.

(c) Running of 215/216 Chetak Expresses are being monitored on day-to-day basis and all efforts are being made to improve their punctuality performance and the avoidable cases of detention are being suitably taken up. In addition a special drive has been launched to improve punctuality of 74Dn Khandwa-Chittauragarh Fast Passenger on Ratlam Division to avoid late running of 216 Dn Chetak Express for connecting slip/through coaches arriving by 74 Dn Passenger.

Change in Pay Scales of Railway staff

1377. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pay scales of some of the categories in the Indian Railways have been changed between the years 1973 to 1977;

(b) if so, the details of such categories;

(c) whether the pay scale of Cabinmen has also been changed; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) A statement showing details of categories where pay scales have been

changed between 1973 to 1977 is attached.

(c) No.

(d) The scales of pay of Railway employees are generally those recommended by the Third Pay Commission and accepted by the Government. In a very few cases, the pay scales have been changed because of anomalies and other reasons.

Statement

S. No.	Category	Revised Scale originally allotted	Revised Scale as modified
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Sr. Train Clerks	330-480	330-560
2.	Claims Tracer	330-480	330-560
3.	Hd/Sr. Signaller	330-480	330-560
4.	Sr. Message Checker	330-480	330-560
5.	Gatemen/Trollymen	196-232	200-250
6.	Gatemen/Hd. Trollymen	200-240	200-250
7.	Head Shroff	425-600	425-640
8.	Head Cash Clerks	425-600	425-640
9.	Mistries on Openline in Civil Engg. Deptt.	330-480 } 380-560 }	380-560
10.	Loco Inspector/Fuel Inspector.	550-750 700-900	700-900 840-1040
11.	Foremen—Maintenance/ Mechanical/Boiler Maker Inspector	550-750 700-900	700-900 840-1040
12.	Cypher Operator	425-640	425-700
13.	Guard Grade 'C'	290-480	290-530
14.	Coach Attendant (First Class)	200-240	200-250
15.	Coach Attendant (Air-conditioned)	200-250	210-270
16.	Fireman—B	225-308	260-350
17.	Shunter—B	290-350	290-400
18.	Progress Supdt.	455-700	550-750