

Rs. 210—270 (RS) are promoted as Cabinmen Grade I in scale Rs. 225—308 (RS). They are eligible for further promotion as Assistant Station Masters and Assistant Yard Masters in scale Rs. 330—560 (RS) subject to fulfilment of certain qualifications. Further Channel of promotion is also available to posts of Station Masters etc.

Double-Way Tunnel between Asansol and K. T. Road

2002. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOU-DHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of the tunnel from Asansol Railway Station to K. T. Road is in a serious condition; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to construct a double-way tunnel there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The subway under the track (consisting of two lanes of traffic under the two arches is maintained in a safe condition.

(b) Does not arise.

Declaration of Ballasore-Kharagpur Road as National Highway

2003 SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has placed any proposal for declaration of Ballasore-Kharagpur road as National Highway in view of the fact the road is an inter-State communication and commanding economic importance; and

(b) the reasons why the proposal has not so far been accepted by the Central Government?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Due to financial constraints and other priority considerations, it is not possible to declare any new road as a National Highway. This also applies to the road in question.

150 किलोमीटर उपनगरीय रेलगाड़ी यात्रा सुविधा

2004. श्री चन्द्रपाल शैलानी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह वताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बम्बई में 150 किलोमीटर उपनगरीय रेलगाड़ी यात्रा की जो सुविधा मासिक टिकट धारियों को उपलब्ध है, वही सुविधा रेल कर्मचारियों को भी उपलब्ध है;

(ख) क्या यह सुविधा रेल कर्मचारियों को दिल्ली में भी उपलब्ध है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो बम्बई में रेल कर्मचारियों को उपलब्ध रेल-सुविधा दिल्ली में रेल कर्मचारियों को न देने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) यह सुविधा उन को कब तक दे दी जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) आम जनता को उपनगरीय टिकटों 150 कि.मी. तक की दूरी के लिये जारी की जाती है और रेल कर्मचारी भी उन्हीं शर्तों पर इस सुविधा का लाभ उठा सकते हैं ।

(ख) रेल कर्मचारियों को रोजाना अपने काम और निवास के स्थान के बीच यात्रा करने के लिए आगन्वीश कार्ड पास/रियायती सीजन टिकटों के संबंध में भिन्न नियम हैं ।

(ग) वर्तमान नीति यह है कि रेल कर्मचारियों को केवल उन्हीं खंडों के लिए आवास-संयुक्त कार्ड पास/रियायती सीजन टिकट जारी किये जाएं (ताकि वे अपने आवास और काम के स्थान के बीच रोजाना यात्रा कर सकें) । जहाँ पर ये 14-12-1953 से पहले जारी

किये जाती हैं। इसलिए, यह सुविधा प्रत्येक रेलवे पर एक खंड से दूसरे खंड पर भिन्न होती है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Shortage of Cement in Tripura

2005. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura State is experiencing shortage of cement throughout the year due to non-availability of railway wagons; and

(b) if so, details of steps taken by Government to help the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Shortfall in rail movement of cement to all North Eastern States in recent months *viz* April and May is due to preferential movement of higher quantum of foodgrains to meet drought conditions and partly due to dislocation in rail operations in the area on account of civil agitations.

(b) Efforts are being made to achieve a higher rate of clearance of cement also to Tripura.

Jobs to Skilled and Unskilled Persons

2006. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of skilled and unskilled persons registered with the Employment Exchange during 1979 & upto May, 1980; and

(b) the number of skilled and unskilled persons provided jobs through these employment exchanges during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) The available information relates to the number of skilled and unskilled job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) who were on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31st December 1979 which was 6.25 lakhs and 39.66 lakhs respectively.

(b) The available information relates to the number of vacancies filled in respect of skilled and unskilled job seekers by the Employment Exchanges during the year 1979 which was 0.36 lakhs and 1.98 lakhs respectively.

Cadre Review of Railway Officers

2007. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent cadre review of the Railway officers from various departments excludes the Railway Medical officers who constitute 25 per cent of all Class I Railway officers;

(b) if so, whether an early cadre review of the Railway medical officers will be undertaken; and

(c) whether pending such a cadre review, *ad hoc* upgradation of some posts of the Railway medical officers will be effected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes. The cadre review of the Indian Railway Medical Service has been taken up separately in view of its special problems and the proposals of the Ministry of Railways in this regard are now under the examination of the other concerned Ministries.

(c) There are no such proposals on hand at present.