

Central Government servants and their families who availed of C.G.H.S. benefits during the past three years is as under:

1977-78	57,07,333
1978-79	60,86,818
1979-80	58,13,501

(b) A certificate is obtained from the Government servant at the time of issuing C.G.H.S. card in respect of the entitled members of his/her family to the effect that they are wholly dependent on him/her. This certificate is duly scrutinized and verified by the card issuing authority.

#### Late Running of Superfast Trains

3498. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of late running of superfast trains during the last six months;

(b) the reasons for late running; and

(c) the steps taken to run these trains in time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) An analysis of the punctuality performance of 22 pairs of superfast trains during June to November, 80 (upto 20-11-80) has shown that the performance of 15/16 G. T. Express, 121/122 Tamil Nadu Express, 123/124 Andhra Pradesh Express, 125/126 K. K. Express 173/174 Himagiri Express, 155/156 Tinsukia Mail, 153/154 Jayanti Janata Express, 103/104 Deluxe Express, 2 Dn. Kalka-Howrah Mail, 172 Jammu Tawi-Bombay Central Express and 141 Coramandal Express has not been satisfactory.

(b) The punctuality of these trains was affected due variety of reasons

like agitations, alarm chain pulling losses due to loco/single and operational factors.

(c) General Managers have been directed to give personal attention to ensure punctual running of trains. They have also been asked to intensify day-to-day monitoring of important mail/express trains and have been further instructed that staff responsible for loss of punctuality should be identified and dealt with firmly and promptly. Liaison is also being maintained with the concerned State Governments to control the incidence of alarm chain pulling and dis-connection of hose-pipes by miscreants.

#### Balipattanam Bridge

3499. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Balipattam Bridge in Cannanore district on National Highway No. 17 will be ready and opened for traffic before the end of this year;

(b) the reasons for the delay in completing the work of the bridge even though the work was started 10 years back, how many times the work was tendered out and who were the P.W.D. Contractors; and

(c) what was the original estimate and bid amount by the first contractor, what will be the cost of the bridge and approach road when the work is completed and what is the latest estimate?

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The reasons for delay in completing the Baliapattam Bridge were (i) time taken for finalizing lumpsum tender of the first contractor (ii) delay in land acquisition (iii) termination of first contract due to slow progress of the contractor, and subsequent rearrangement for the balance work, and (iv) non-availability of materials like cement and steel. The

work was tendered twice. The lowest tenderer of the first tender call was M/s. Aries and Aries, Madras. The only tenderer for second tender call was M/s. Sudersan Trading Co., Calicut-whose conditions were not acceptable. Finally the work was awarded to Kerala State Construction Corporation after negotiations.

(c) The approved original estimated cost of the project was Rs. 41.33 lakhs (Bridge items put to tender Rs. 37.27 lakhs and allied works including short approaches, etc. Rs. 4.06 lakhs), and the bid amount of first contractor (M/s. Aries and Aries, Madras) for bridge items was Rs. 41.60 lakhs. The total completion cost of the bridge and approaches is likely to be Rs. 185 lakhs against the revised sanctioned amount of Rs. 182.87 lakhs.

#### सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस में आरक्षण

3500. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अहमदाबाद और दिल्ली के बीच चलने वाली सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी में पश्चिम रेलवे की क्रमशः रतलाम, कोटा और बड़ौदा डिवीजनों के लिये कुल कितने स्थानों का आरक्षण होता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिम रेलवे की कोटा, रतलाम और बड़ौदा डिवीजनों के स्टेशनों पर सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी के लिये आरक्षण 48 घंटे पहले बन्द कर दिया जाता है और यदि हां, तो क्या यह आरक्षण इस गाड़ी के दिल्ली अथवा अहमदाबाद के चल पड़ने के हिसाब से बन्द किया जाता है, और यदि नहीं, तो किस आधार पर किया जाता है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार पश्चिम रेलवे के सभी स्टेशनों पर इस गाड़ी के पहुंचने के चार घंटे पूर्व उक्त आरक्षण बन्द करने की व्यवस्था करेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :  
(क) अहमदाबाद और नयी दिल्ली के बीच चलने वाली 181 डाउन सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी में रतलाम-कोटा और बड़ौदरा मंडल के स्टेशनों से आरक्षण के लिए आवंटित शायिकाओं की कुल संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

मंडल	दर्जा	
	वातानुकूल दूसरा दर्जा शायनयान	दूसरा दर्जा सीट शायिका
1. रतलाम	14	80
2. कोटा	4	15
3. बड़ौदरा	70	677

(ख) जी हां । आउट स्टेशनों के लिए आवंटित कोटा 181 डाउन सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी के ठहराव वाले कोटा, रतलाम और बड़ौदरा स्टेशनों पर भरा जाता है । आउट स्टेशनों को आवंटित कोटे के अंतर्गत यात्रियों की बुकिंग संबंधित स्टेशन से गाड़ी के निर्धारित प्रस्थान समय से 24 घंटे पहले बन्द करनी होती है जिससे यह सुनिश्चित हो सके कि प्रयुक्त स्थान गाड़ी के प्रस्थान से कम से कम 24 घंटे पूर्व प्रतीक्षा सूची के यात्रियों को दिया जा सकता है ।

(ग) जी नहीं । वर्तमान व्यवस्था संतोषप्रद रूप से कार्य कर रही है ।