

Appointment of non-officials as Ambassadors/High Commissioners

4345. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently some non-officials have been appointed as Ambassadors and High Commissioners like that of U.S.A., U.K., Canada etc.; and

(b) if so, their particulars and the mode of their selection and appointment?

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

(b) The following non-officials were appointed Heads of Mission during the year 1980:—

Name of officer with designation	Name of country	Date of assumption of charge
1. Shri Manabendra Shah Ambassador	Ireland	21-4-80
2. Shri G.S. Dhillon High Commissioner	Canada	2-9-80
3. Dr. V.A. Seyid Muhammad High Commissioner	United Kingdom	8-9-80
4. Dr. A.M. Khusro Ambassador	Federal Republic of Germany	17-9-80
5. Shri K.R. Narayanan Ambassador	United States of America	20-10-80
6. Shri G.G. Swell Ambassador	Burma	11-11-80
7. Rajkumar Devendra Singh Ambassador (designate)	Norway	Likely to reach shortly
8. Shri Brij Kumar Ambassador	Maldives	8-12-80

Appointment of our Heads of Mission abroad is done after careful consideration, keeping in mind national interest, exigencies of public service and suitability of the individuals concerned.

This is done by the Foreign Minister, with the approval of the Prime Minister and the President.

Appointments are made after the Agreement of the host Government are received.

अन्तरनगरीय यात्रियों के लिये रेल सेवा

4346. श्री छ. सु. झाई गामित : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार अन्तरनगरीय यात्रियों के लिए वर्तमान रेल सेवा से संतुष्ट है,

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसमें सुधार के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं,

(न) क्या सरकार ने रेल सेवा में सुधार लाने के लिए हाल ही में कोई योजना तैयार की है, और

(ब) यदि हाँ, तो उसके मुख्य लक्ष्य क्या हैं ?

रेल अंतःस्थ तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप बंडी (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) और (ख). जनवरी से दिसम्बर 1980 के दौरान, भारतीय रेलों ने 32 मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों सहित 78 अनु-पनगरीय गाड़ियाँ प्रारम्भ कीं। इसके प्रतिरक्त, 31 गाड़ियों का चालन क्षेत्र भी बढ़ाया गया। गाड़ियों के उपयोग और यातायात में प्रत्याशित वृद्धि की अर्ध-वार्षिक गणना के परिणामों का ध्यान में रखते हुए, अपेक्षित स्रोतों की उपलब्धता के अर्धवार्षिक समय सारणियों के पुनरीक्षण के समय प्रतिरक्त गाड़ियों के चालू किए जाने के बारे में विचार किया जायेगा।

(ग) और (घ) : प्रवसंरचना सुविधियों को सुधारने और यात्रियों को अधिक सन्तुष्टि प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से संचालन कार्यों की, विवेकपर परिचालन और अनु-रक्षण के सम्बन्ध में, तेजी लाने के लिए हाल ही में कुछ कदम उठाये गये हैं।

Resolution passed by Nagar Parishad Trimbak

4347. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received in May or June 1977, any representation with a copy of resolution passed by the Nagar Parishad Trimbak (Dist. Nasik, Maharashtra) on the 21st May, 1977 requesting the Government to start a new railway line between Pune and Nasik and to link the same with Western Railway at Balsad or Dahanu;

(b) if so, route suggested by the said Nagar Parishad; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Trimbak Municipality had approached the Railway Ministry in October, 1977, for a new line from Nasik to Dahanu via Trimbak and they were replied that due to extreme shortage of resources, the proposal has to wait for better times. The same position, even, prevails today.

Panel of Assistant Commercial Officers

4348. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of harijans and adivasis included in the panel prepared for the post of Assistant Commercial Officers in Eastern Railway in December, 1979;

(b) in case no harijans and adivasis were included in the panel, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether steps were taken to take harijans and adivasis in December, 1979 provisional panel of the Personnel Department of Eastern Railway during the period from January to March, 1980 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the reasons for which discrimination was done in the matter of reversions in the case of Assistant Commercial Officers as harijan and adivasi incumbents of these posts were reverted and the non-harijans and non-adivasis who even failed in the examination are still continuing on their posts; and

(e) whether another panel is being prepared in spite of the fact that the December, 1979 panel for Assistant