

**Promotion avenues of Wireless Operators**

4442. SHRI MATILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has agreed to retain the cadre structure intact, emoluments protected and avenues of promotions protected in respect of wireless operators category declared surplus/shrinking due to introduction of Microwave;

(b) whether the Board have ordered that existing cadre structure of WOPs/IWTs/CIWTs shall be retained intact and the staff concerned continue to get the same emoluments and have the same avenues of promotions;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to work out upgrading on the sanctioned strength that existed just prior to the upgradation on 1st May, 1969;

(d) what are the reasons for working out upgrading on actual strength on Southern Railway; and

(e) whether any action will be taken against officials concerned for totally ignoring boards directives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It was decided that a scheme would be drawn up to ensure that wireless operators declared surplus as a result of introduction of Microwave are absorbed with protection of their pay and scale. The scheme would also provide the same avenue of promotions and percentage of higher grade posts as existed prior to introduction of Microwave.

(b) Pending formulation of scheme Wireless Operators/IWTs/CWITs rendered surplus are to be utilised for working additional teleprinter links introduced and for this purpose the existing cadre structure of WOPs/IWTs/CWITs is to be retained intact.

(c) No.

(d) Because a number of vacant posts in the base grade cannot be filled as they are surplus to requirement.

(e) Does not arise.

**Overbridge at Dhanbad Station**

4443. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have initiated any action to eliminate the long-standing troubles to the public caused by not extending the public foot over-bridge at Dhanbad station upto Cinema Road at Dhanbad old market and to provide an over-bridge at East end of new goods shed; Dhanbad to avoid serious congestion of Road Traffic at East and Level Crossing Gate, Dhanbad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Extension of the foot over-bridge at Dhanbad Station upto Cinema Road can be considered if it is sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority together with an undertaking to bear the entire cost thereof. Similarly, proposals for construction of road over/under-bridges in replacement of existing level crossings are to be sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority together with an undertaking to bear their share of the cost. No proposal for construction of a road over-bridge in replacement of existing level crossing at east end of new Goods shed at Dhanbad has so far been sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority.

**Halt between Chhota Ambona and Kaloobathan**

4444. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose a halt between Chhota Ambona and Kaloobathan with the facility of stoppage for one minute of 129 Up, 130 Dn, 330 Up and 340 Dn Passenger trains to eliminate the difficulties of the people of adjacent villages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN