

workmen in Eastern Railway and state:

(a) the number of regular posts of Gangmen and Khalasis sanctioned and operated under the Chief Engineer (Construction) Eastern Railway in 1980;

(b) the number of such staff absorbed against available vacancies in construction Department and in open line separately; and

(c) the number of such staff handed over along with the assets made over by Construction Department, in Dhanbad Division, Eastern Railway since 1963 to 1980, with work-wise break-up.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### City Booking Office for Dhanbad

4462. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken by the Railway Administration to materialise the decisions of 58th D.R.U.C.C. meeting at Dhanbad Division, Eastern Railway:—

(i) opening of City Booking Office for Dhanbad town (ii) extension of parcel Offices at Pathardih and Lodna, (iii) Provision of some reserved seat quota at Dhanbad in 133UP/134 Dn. Howrah-Ahmedabad Special trains, (iv) steps taken by the administration to improve punctuality of Passenger Trains particularly in Branch Lines; and (v) Provision of Super Fast train between Dhanbad and Tata via 'Adra-Bhojudih'?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) The survey to

assess the need of a City Booking Office for Dhanbad has been completed and the same is under examination of the Railway Administration.

(ii) Neither was such a proposal received in the D.R.U.C.C. meeting, nor is it under consideration.

(iii) The number of tickets issued at Dhanbad for Ahmedabad and stations *en-route* (via Howrah) does not justify the allotment of reserved quota by 134 Dn. at Dhanbad. Demands for reservations received at Dhanbad station by this train are satisfied by sending reservation messages to Howrah.

(iv) Constant efforts are being made to improve the punctuality of trains and the assistance of State Government has been sought to curb the incidence of alarm-chain pulling, disconnection of hose-pipe, etc. which adversely affect punctual running of trains.

(v) A study of sale of tickets was undertaken to ascertain the volume of traffic between the Dhanbad-Tata via Adra-Bhojudih. The traffic over this section does not justify introduction of a new train. Besides this, adequate terminal facilities are not available at Dhanbad to deal with any additional traffic.

Promotions made between 15th October, 1979 and 14th November, 1980

4463. SHRI T. M. SAWANT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of promotions made in various departments between 15th October, 1979 and 14th November, 1980;

(b) the number of promotions made by each department in each category and each grade including workshops/stores and constructions units, wheel and axle plant, Bangalore;