

(c) how many belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Communities in each grade and category;

(d) whether 40 points Roster was taken note of at the time of making promotions;

(e) the number of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes consumed by other communities candidates; and

(f) whether the Ministry of Railways propose to treat the vacancies consumed by other communities as carry forward vacancies in favour of Scheduled Castes/Tribes.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (f). The information is being collected from various Zonal Railways/Production Units and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Irregularities by Director, CRRI, New Delhi**

4464. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) Staff Association New Delhi alleging the high-handedness, anti-workers attitude and other irregularities of the Director, CRRI, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that the leaders of the Association have recently been victimised by the Director, CRRI; and

(c) what steps have been taken to restore normalcy in CRRI and also to meet the genuine demands of the CRRI Staff Association?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not correct to say that leaders were victimised. Only three members of staff who prevented senior officers from doing their official duty, were given charge sheets to explain the position.

(c) All genuine demands which can be met under the rules have been accepted and implemented viz. over sixty Class IV staff have been confirmed in their posts and, wherever possible, departmental promotions have been given.

**News Item Captioned Costly Wards**

4465. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item captioned "Costly Ward" appearing in the *Patriot* of the 24th November, 1980;

(b) if so, the total expenditure being incurred on the guarding of the 'brain scanner' at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(c) whether Doctors and technicians have been fully trained to handle this ultra-scientific contraption and if so, where and how many; and

(d) the manner in which this equipment is being used and whether any charges are levied in this behalf and if so, what?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) No special expenditure is incurred in guarding the brain scanner by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The security of the Institute is maintained as a whole.

(c) Yes. The doctors and technicians of the Institute are fully trained to handle this equipment. Four

members of the staff were trained in the Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm.

(d) This equipment is used to scan the brain for any lesions. This service is available to patients, both from the Institute Hospital and those referred from outside. The charges are as follows:—

(i) Rs. 200/- if the case is referred through the out patient Department or indoor patients of the Institute.

(ii) Rs. 500/- when the case is referred from elsewhere.

(iii) Poor and indigent patients, so certified by the Head of the concerned Clinical Unit of the Institute Hospital are rendered free service.

#### .. Shortage of Wagons at Kiratpur

4466. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of Railway wagons at Kiratpur has hit the marketing of seed potatoes the production of which has recorded a new high during this season;

(b) whether this has resulted in a heavy loss to the potato growers, who suffered a heavy loss during the past two years due to less demand and poor marketing system; and

(c) if so, the steps which Government propose to take to provide adequate number of wagons to carry the potato seeds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). No. However every effort is made to provide adequate number of wagons for movement of potato seeds during the

current potato season. During October to December (upto 10th), 1980, a total of 1230 wagons of potatoes have been loaded at Kiratpur.

#### Improvement of National Highways in Karnataka

4467. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance sanctioned by the Centre to improve the conditions of National Highways in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the amount spent during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Funds provided for the development and maintenance of National Highways are not in the nature of any assistance to States as such but are a direct expenditure since National Highways are a Union subject. The position of funds provided for development and maintenance of National Highways to Karnataka during the last 3 years and the expenditure incurred against those funds is indicated below:

#### Development of National Highways :

Year	Final allotment	Actual expenditure
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1977-78 . . .	382.00	381.67
1978-79 . . .	450.49	451.74
1979-80 . . .	510.00	530.16