

**Railway Quarters at Alipurduar Junction**

4480. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Alipurduar Junction of North-Eastern Railway is one of the important junction in this zone;

(b) the total number of employees, category-wise, who have been provided with railway quarters in this Divisional Headquarters of North-Eastern Railway and the number who have not yet been allotted quarters;

(c) the number of schools, playgrounds, clubs, swimming pools, cinema halls and other general amenities available to the employees;

(d) what steps are being taken or likely to be taken to beautify the colonies; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to clean the existing "Jheels" for fishery purposes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

**Running of Local Train from Dadar to Thane and Kalyan**

4481. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) details of progress Railway Administration has made in last six months regarding running of few local trains in a day from Dadar towards Thane, Dombivali, Kalyan and Karjit and vice-versa for Bombay commuters;

(b) if no progress made so far the detailed reasoning thereof; and

(c) what remedies are thought of to overcome the difficulties in implementing the long pending public demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Due to absence of a bay platform at Dadar and the present pattern of suburban services, any originating/terminating services at this intermediate station will interfere with the present arrangements of high frequency of suburban services and will adversely affect the peak hour clearance capacity in particular. A techno-economic survey for provision of suburban terminal facility at Dadar was conducted with total cost of about Rs. 6.5 crores. Further consideration of this project will be taken up when the resources position permits.

**Facilities to Passengers at Nagpur Railway Station**

4482. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Member of Parliament from Thana constituency paid a visit with previous appointment to Nagpur Railway Station (Maharashtra), in the second week of October, 1980 and made a few important suggestions to local and divisional railway authorities with respect to amenities and facilities of the passengers;

(b) whether General Manager of Central Railway, Bombay had promised to look into them;

(c) if so, the action taken on each of the suggestions made by the Member; and

(d) if no action is taken, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is attached.

## Statement

Points raised	Action taken
(1) Increase in the number of reservation counters to reduce the waiting period of passengers.	One extra Hind Class counter has been opened, increasing the number of Hind Class counters to 6. Adjustments have also been made in the work handled at the different reservation counters. This has cut down the waiting time of passengers.
(2) Inadequacy of space in the Reservation Office concourse for passengers and inside the reservation office for staff.	Such Works are undertaken through Works Programme, subject to availability of funds, duly keeping in view the priorities to be given to the different stations according to the urgency of their requirements. The case of Nagpur will also be kept in view while considering inclusion of works in future Works Programme.
(3) Opening of separate Reservation window at Ajni Station.	It is not found desirable to provide reservation facilities at Ajni as this will reduce the availability of reservation quota at Nagpur.
(4) Increase in the reservation quotas at Sitabuldi and Central Avenue City Booking Office.	Increase in the quota of City Booking office is not possible without correspondingly reducing the quota available at Nagpur station which is not desirable.
(5) The telephone booths of P&T Department in the concourse of station building and on the platforms frequently remain out of order.	The matter has been consistently pursued with the local P&T Office and the functioning of the telephone booths has improved.
(6) The Enquiry Clerk answering enquiries on telephone should not be made to attend to enquiries at the Counters.	This has been done by re-distribution of work.
(7) There should be at least one latrine on each platform.	There are already 6 latrines for Gents and 5 for ladies in the 2nd Class Waiting Hall which are considered adequate. There is also a latrine for ladies on platform No. 1. There are no latrines on other platforms. The latrines previously existing on other platforms have been gradually dismantled as they were mostly used by outsiders and it was difficult to keep them in reasonably hygienic condition.
(8) Cover over the platform should be extended so as to cover the entire length of the Platforms.	Cover over platforms will be gradually extended, according to the availability of funds. Some extensions have already been done in 1979-80 Works Programme. In 1980-81 Works Programme also a similar work costing Rs. 50,000/- has been included.
(9) Provision of a cover over platform at Ajni station.	Provision of a cover over the Up and Down platforms costing Rs. 95,000/- has been included in the works Programme for 1980-81.
(10) A list detailing reservation quotas available at Nagpur Railway Station.	The list was handed over to the Hon'able M.P. Shri R.K. Mhalgi.