

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसको भरने के लिये क्या कार्यक्रम अपनाये जाने का विचार है ; और

(घ) कितने प्रतिशत आरक्षित पदों पर अब तक अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जन जातियों के लोगों की भर्ती की गई है और इस बारे में शेष पदों को भरने के लिये क्या कार्रवाई की जा रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (घ). सूचना क्षेत्रीय रेलों से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

**Extension of Tatanagar Barjamda Passenger Train upto Bolani**

495. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Tatanagar-Barjamda passenger train upto Bolani; and

(b) if so, from what date such decision is likely to be worked out?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Development of Dadar-Bombay Station**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop Dadar-Bombay station so as to facilitate interchange between Central and Western Railways;

(b) if so, when the work will be started and the period for the completion of the same; and

(c) whether Government propose to start Pune-Ahmedabad direct train

after the development of Dadar Station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). With the opening of the Diva-Bassein link and the consequential possible reduction of Goods Traffic moving via Dadar, the Government are contemplating to provide additional Coaching facilities at Dadar. The scheme is yet to be formulated.

(c) In view of the reply to (a) and (b) above, this does not arise.

**Railway Users' Committee**

497. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway users' committee has not been constituted; and

(b) if so, when it will be nominated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under active consideration and a decision is expected to be taken soon.

**Local Purchase of Ayurvedic Medicines**

498. DR. A. U. AZAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, unlike the practice obtaining on the Allopathic side, local purchase of Ayurvedic medicines prescribed by Specialists, either by the C.G.H.S. or the patient to be reimbursed later on, is not permitted and the incident is mandated to one supplier who has monopolised the whole supply and takes as many as 7—10 days to supply the medicine;

(b) the difficulties which lie in the way of Government in introducing the

similar procedure in as in the case of Allopathy in respect of supply of Ayurvedic medicines; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to streamline the mode of supply and issue of Ayurvedic medicines manufactured by established pharmaceutical companies only?

**THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Alleged Shortage of Supervisors**

499. **SHRI A. K. ROY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Supervisors specially Chargemen in the Grade of Rs. 425—700 in Traction Department, Northern Railway as no recruitment has been made through the Railway Service Commission after 1975 and the condition is further worsened for extension of electrification between Delhi and Mathura; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to provide requisite number of Supervisors for safe and efficient working?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) No. In fact, during the current year, a panel of 58 has been received from the Railway Service Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Railway Lines in Kerala**

500. **SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of Railways in Kerala State and what is its percentage as compared to All India population basis;

(b) whether Kerala is neglected for taking up new Railway lines although that State is the most thickly populated State in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that Idikki and Muvettupuzha constituencies are not having any railway line;

(d) whether it is also a fact that if Madurai-Cochin Railway line is taken up, the distance between Madurai and Suez canal can be reduced by more than 1500 kilometers and save a lot of energy for transportation; and

(e) if so, why the survey for this vital railway line is not taken up?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) Total length of Railway lines in Kerala is 916 Kms. Route Kms. per lakh of population is 4.30 for Kerala and 11.1 for all India.

(b) No.

(c) Idikki and Muvettupuzha are not connected with railway line.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal for taking up the construction of Madurai-Cochin railway line, at present.

#### **साइप्रस के राष्ट्रपति की भारत यात्रा**

501. श्री केशवराव पारधी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि साइप्रस के राष्ट्रपति की हाल ही की भारत यात्रा के दौरान भारत और साइप्रस में मित्रता आर्थिक संबंध और व्यापार सुविधायें बढ़ाने जैसे महत्वपूर्ण मद्दों पर हुई चर्चा का परिणाम क्या रहा है ?

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