

their normal work,, the following time is reflected in their rosters:—

4½ hours are added to 60 hours of weekly roster; 3 hours are added to 72 hours of weekly roster and 6 hours are added to 144 hours of two-weekly roster.

(d) Does not arise.

Private Contract system

6117. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 150 on the 26th February, 1981 regarding introduction of private contract system and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two contractors were working in the Gujhandi section of the Eastern Railway on the lines;

(b) if so, since when they are working and the exact nature of job is being done there and the number of workmen involved and the rate of pay per day with workmen and whether that compares with the minimum wage for such job fixed by either State or Central Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 the same job used to be done by the Central gangmen; and

(d) if so, the basis of introducing contract system there?

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

(b) Shri G. K. Gupta contractor worked on the Down Grand Chord line between Hirodih and Koderma stations from April 1980 to December, 1980. M/s. Chhota Nagpur Construction have been working since Jan./81 on Down Grand Chord line between Tankuppa and Bandhu stations. The nature of work in both the cases is deep screening of track—About 200 casual labour are employed in each

case. Shri G. K. Gupta paid Rs. 7.00 per day to begin with, and later increased it to Rs. 7.50 per day. M/s. Chhota Nagpur Construction are paying Rs. 7.50 per day. The contractors have given an undertaking at the time of entering into agreement with the Railway that they will abide by the provisions of Minimum Wages Act. These daily wage rates are not lower than the minimum wage rates of the area.

(c) Such deep screening work was done in 1978-79 and 1979-80 by engaging casual labour.

(d) These works have been given on contract to expedite progress and to pull up the backlog.

Higher Grade posts for Station Masters

6118. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage distribution of grades of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters from 1st September, 1956 and the basis of allocation of higher grade posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage distribution in higher grades on the basis of total strength of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters has been discontinued resulting in the loss of posts in higher grades; if so, the facts in details;

(c) whether it is a fact that the basis of upgradation of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters discriminates them from the office clerks, commercial clerks and other categories; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to remove the discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A statement is attached. The redistribution was made on

the basis of work and responsibility of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters from time to time.

(b) The discontinuance of the percentage distribution in higher grades on the basis of total strength of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters, which was in fact done in 1962 as a result of an award by San-

kar Saran Tribunal has not resulted in the loss of posts in higher grades.

(c) and (d). Since Station Masters, Assistant Station Masters, Office Clerks, Commercial Clerks and other categories belong to different cadres with different duties and responsibilities, the question of any discrimination does not arise.

Statement

	Grade	Percentage distribution to Grades Station Masters	Assistant Station Masters
(i) from 1-4-56	Rs. 80—170 (ASM)		60 (of the total number of posts of Assistant Station Masters and Station Masters)
(under New Deal Scheme)	Rs. 100—185 (ASHMS & SMs)		30 Do.
	Rs. 150—225 Do.		5 Do.
	Rs. 200—300 } Do.		
	Rs. 260—350 } Do.		
	Rs. 300—400 } Do.		
	Rs. 350—500 } Do.		
(ii) from 1-10-1962	Rs. 80—170		75
(Sankar Saran Award)	Rs. 100—135	75	20
	Rs. 150—225	13	3
	Rs. 200—300 and above	12	32
(iii) from 1-1-79	Rs. 330—560		55
	Rs. 425—640	50	37.5
(under cadre-restructuring)	Rs. 455—700	37.5	7.5
	Rs. 550—750	10	
	Rs. 700—900	2.5	
(iv) from 1-10-79	Rs. 330—560		55
(under cadre-restructuring)	Rs. 425—640	45	37.5
	Rs. 455—700	37.5	7.5
	Rs. 550—750	15	
	Rs. 700—900	2.5	