

Posts of Heads of Departments

7043. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Heads of the Departments (Level I and II) created since 1st April, 1980 and reasons for such posts;

(b) the number of posts and Class III and class IV Staff created since 1st April, 1980 and the economic ratio of expenditure on these posts; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Zonal Railway authorities have been issued instructions imposing restrictions on filling up of Class III and Class IV vacancies and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 17 posts (Level I and II) have been created since 1-4-80. These posts have been created for undertaking various Surveys and executing Construction works on railways.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) There are no restrictions in filling up vacancies in Class III. In Class IV there is a restriction in filling up vacancies of Peons. Vacancies of Peons can also be filled after effecting a 20 per cent reduction in the sanctioned strength.

Miraj B. G. Line

7044. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a Memorandum dated 13th November, 1978 regarding Miraj broad gauge Railway line from the Karnatak Chamber of Commerce;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if no action has so far been taken, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Several representations for conversion of the Miraj-Londa-Hubli-Hospet metre gauge line to broad gauge were received. A survey for this work has already been sanctioned, which is in progress.

N.G. Locomotives

7045. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question No. 1474 on 27th November, 1980 regarding number of engines on Latur-Miraj Railway line and state:

(a) what steps have since been taken to repair the Narrow Gauge locomotives or to replace the same or secure the spare parts so as to keep the passengers or goods service undisturbed; and

(b) if, arrangements mentioned above are not possible, whether Government will consider and decide the change of narrow gauge track into broad gauge track and if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) All the 26 steam locomotives in use are in good working order and are being given regular schedule and preventive maintenance. There is no difficulty in getting spare parts. Railways have a plan to use diesel locomotives on this section for which a diesel shed is under construction at Kurduwadi.

(b) Does not arise due to (a).