

(i) The site for the proposed halt is on a graded section—rising in up direction and falling in down direction.

(ii) No platform at the proposed site can be constructed because it will cause infringement due to existence of the electric masts outside the tracks.

(iii) The Section is heavily saturated and provision of a halt would adversely affect the operation on the Grand Chord Section.

C.I.C. Section of Dhanbad Division

1514. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a serious agitation of the local people resulting in suspension of Train movements in C.I.C. Section of Dhanbad Division Eastern Railway against illegal appointment of Railwaymen's sons only vice regular vacancies and casualties of class IV workers in Diesel shed, Patratu;

(b) if so, the total number of vacancies in class IV cadre and requirements of such staff for casualties as on 1st Jan. 1981;

(c) the details of appointment of the sons of Railwaymen indicating their designation, dates of retirement etc. against regular vacancies and casualties in Diesel Shed, Patratu in 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981; and

(d) the policy of Government regarding appointment as substitutes in Railway?

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

(d) Substitutes are engaged on regular scales of pay and allowances against vacancies of group (C) and

(D) categories where it is not possible to fill the posts from existing leave reserve. The substitutes as far as possible, are drawn from a penal of suitable candidates selected for group (C) and (D) posts. Substitutes in group D are screened for regular absorption by screening Committee.

Hooliganism at Gwalior Railway Station

1515. SHRI K. PRADHANI:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

SHRI N. E. HORO:

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Hindustan Times' dated 28th January, 1981 that about 500 students who wanted to visit New Delhi to witness the Republic Day without a ticket indulged in unprecedented hooliganism at the Gwalior Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes. The details as reported are as under:—

On the night of 25-1-1981 there was a heavy rush on the Gwalior Railway Station platform due to enthusiasm on the part of people including students to proceed to Delhi for witnessing the Republic Day Parade on 26-1-1981. Soon after the departure of 359 DN—Jhansi-Agra-Cantt. Passenger, from Gwalior Station, some miscreants amongst the crowd started teasing the lady passengers waiting on the platform. This created commotion and the Station authorities alerted Government Railway Police and Railway Protec-