

goods. Amount of compensation paid comprises a small percentage of the freight earnings from goods and other coaching traffic.

(b) Statistics of compensation claims paid in respect of booked

consignments are maintained according to financial year. Amount of compensation claims paid zone-wise during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Railways	Amount of compensation paid		
	(In lakhs of rupees)		
	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Central	133.03	136.14	150.73
Eastern	374.58	291.22	230.07
Northern	195.11	147.21	143.33
North Eastern	39.96	39.12	44.12
Northeast Frontier	138.84	107.40	91.96
Southern	76.65	124.83	153.64
South Central	89.86	64.25	52.79
South Eastern	224.97	175.86	130.24
Western	150.84	138.87	152.98
Total	1423.83	1224.90	1149.90
Percentage to earnings from goods and other coaching traffic	0.93	0.88	0.75

All India Railway Employees Confederation

5202. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representation dated the 23rd January, 1981 from the President All India Railway Employees' Confederation, Eastern Railway regarding the demands of Project (Casual) Labourers of Construction Department of the Railway has been received ; and

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

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

(b) In accordance with Government's policy, staff representations received from any source get due consideration and action as considered necessary is taken. The representation dated 23-1-1981 from the Zonal President, All India Railway Employees' Confederation, Eastern Railway,

Dhanbad has also been dealt with within the framework of this policy.

Abandonment of Sterilization Process by M/s. H.M.M. Ltd.

5203. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding abandonment of sterilisation process of empty bottles for packing Horlicks and Boost by the management of M/s. H.M.M. Ltd., Jai Singh Road, New Delhi in their packing stations in (i) village Kompally, P.O. Hakimpet, Ragareddy district, Secunderabad, Madras, (ii) 1, Arcot Road, Madras and (iii) Patiala Road, Nabha, East Punjab ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard ;

(c) whether this action of the said management violates any regulating Act of the Government ; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to book the said firm for such violation ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

हाजीपुर से शाखा लाइन

5204. श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में हाजीपुर से एक शाखा लाइन के निर्माण के लिए को मांग की गई है जो लाल गंज, बैंगाली, साहबगंज, केसरिया, आंशज, पहाड़पुर, हरिसिंधी और नबतान के रास्ते से होकर

नरकटिया गंज मुख्य लाइन को जोड़े ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार द्वारा प्रभावी कार्यवाही न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जो, हां ।

(ख) संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण, फिलहाल प्रस्तावित लाइन पर विचार करना सम्भव नहीं है ।

Bus Service between Madras Hotel and Paschimpuri

5205. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 509 on the 12th June, 1980 regarding bus service between Madras Hotel and Paschimpuri, New Delhi and state :

(a) whether complaints have been lodged that no improvement has been noticed in the service of Route No. 910 and if so, the facts thereof and reasons therefor ;

(b) whether Government would find out the requirement of buses on this route and reduce the frequency of bus service to 15 or 10 minutes ;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend bus route No. 900 up to Punjabi Bagh extension keeping in view the difficulties of commuters of this area and to remove overcrowding and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?