

Diesel P. O. H. shop at Siliguri

1913. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK:

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTER-
JEE:

SHRI SUBODH SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several representation from the Union Organisations including recognised North Frontier Railway Mazdoor Union, UCR, North Frontier Railway and other prominent citizens, M.L.A., West Bengal Government and M.P. against the closure of the Diesel POH shop at Siliguri Junction;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to abandon the move by immediately issuing order in the interest of the Railways as well as the economy of West Bengal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, some representations have been received.

(b) Representations received have raised the following main points:

(i) Shift of POH will reduce employment potential in Siliguri area.

(ii) Hardship will be caused to the staff employed at Siliguri.

(iii) Several offices and organisations are being shifted out of West Bengal and the Eastern region.

(iv) Staff at Siliguri shed have done good work in the past and should continue POH.

(c) Periodical Overhaul (POH) is a scheduled repair to Diesel Locomotives undertaken at specified intervals. Heavy repair schedules of this nature can be undertaken in centralised workshops only and not in Loco Sheds where facilities for such heavy

repairs do not exist. In the past due to shortage of capacity for Diesel Loco POH in Workshops, some Diesel Sheds including Siliguri were undertaking POH as a temporary expedient. Now that facilities have been set up in the centralised Workshops, PHO at Siliguri and other Diesel Loco Sheds is being discontinued. While this shift is being done, it is being ensured that no staff is retrenched and are all absorbed in alternative lines of activity.

Diesel Loco POH facility on the Railways is planned on all India basis and does not cater to the requirement of individual Zonal Railways or States. POH facility at Ajmer is for the total MG requirement of POH for the Northern and Western regions that include Western, Northern, North Eastern and Northeast Frontier Railways.

There is no proposal under consideration for continuing Diesel Loco POH work in Loco Sheds.

Stagnation of Delhi primary teachers1914. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-
PAYEE:

SHRI SURAJ BHAN:

SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20,000 primary teachers in Delhi are stagnating in their grades to the extent that some are drawing the same scale for the last 26 years with no chances of promotion;

(b) is it also a fact that the Triguna Sen Committee had proposed ten years for a teacher to reach the maximum of his scale;

(c) what are the recommendations of the Committee and the action taken with regard to the recommendations; and