

during the period from 10 p.M. to 6 a. m. daily due to shortage of staff ;

(c) what are the reasons for this sort of irregular working or closure and what are the reasons for shortage of staff ;

(d) whether there are vacancies in this department ; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to fill them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) All the Telegraph Offices on loop section of Eastern Railway in Howrah Division are working regularly except one telegraph office at Sahibganj which is working in one shift only from 10.00 hrs. to 18.00 hrs.

(b) Yes.

(c) In view of what has been stated in reply to part (a) above, this does not arise.

(d) Yes.

(e) Efforts are being made to recruit adequate number of candidates through the Railway Service Commission. Steps are also being taken to recruit 20 retired signallers to meet the shortage of staff.

Additional Reserved Accommodation from Delhi Station.

5497. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Railways are not able to meet the demand of passengers for reservation in the trains connecting Delhi with the Southern states;

(b) if so, what steps they propose to provide additional accommodation ; and

(c) what is the total daily demand train-wise and destination-wise from Delhi to the South and what is the accommodation available ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, some passengers are left on the waiting list.

(b) Subject to the constrains of resources like line capacity, terminal maintenance facilities and specially coaches of which there is acute shortage, efforts are being made to augment the loads of trains by expedients like double-heading and replacement of first class coaches by second class A. C. 2-tier coaches.

(c) The accommodation available by various South-bound trains ex-New Delhi/Hazrat Nizamuddin is as follows :—

Sl. No.	Train Number	ACC	AC 2-tier	PC	II SB	ACC Seats	II Seats
1	16 UP G.T. Exp.	10	..	142	589	34	200
2	22 UP Dakshin Exp.	..	..	114	450	..	160
3	122 UP T.N. Exp. (Tri-weekly)	18	92	44	825	125	..
4	124 UP A.P. Exp. (Bi-weekly)	10	46	66	900	34	80
5	126 UP K.K. Exp. (Bi-weekly)	..	184	44	940	..	..
6	132 UP J.J. Exp. (Five days a week)	..	..	..	849	..	160

However, the demand exceeds the available accommodation and in the peak periods the waiting list is almost equivalent to 75 berths/seats in First Class/AC 2 tier/Second Class and Chair Car in each of the train.

पटना-गया एकल लाइन को दोहरी लाइन में बदला जाना

5498. श्री रुद्र प्रताप बाबंजी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पटना-गया एकल लाइन को दोहरी लाइन में बदलने तथा लाइन का विद्युतीकरण करने के प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं;

(ख) क्या बिहार सरकार का विचार राज्य में नई रेल लाइनों को बिछाने और एकल रेल लाइनों को दोहरी लाइनों में बदलने के लिए अपेक्षित भूमि उपलब्ध कराने का है और रेलवे को उस भूमि के लिए अदायगी नहीं करनी होगी;

(ग) क्या वह सच है कि पटना के अतिरिक्त देश के सभी राज्यों की राजधानियों में दोहरी रेल लाइन है तथा गया-पटना लाइन ही एक मात्र एकल लाइन है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पटना-गया लाइन को कब तक दोहरी लाइन में बदले जाने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल तथा शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालयों तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री श्रीलालकाशुन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि वह नयी रेल लाइनें बिछाने/आमान परिवर्तन करने/वर्तमान लाइनों का विस्तार करने के लिए भूमि के अधिग्रहण की लागत वहन करेगी ।

(ग) जी नहीं । पटना हावड़ा से दिल्ली को मुख्य लाइन (दोहरी) पर स्थित है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

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Grants to Universities

5499. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the grants allotted by University Grant Commission to each Central and State Universities during the last three years alongwith per capita per student share thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : A statement showing the grants paid by the University Grants Commission to Central and other universities during 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 is laid on the Table of the house. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3274 181]

These grants are sanctioned by the Commission after assessing the requirements of the Universities on the recommendations of the Visiting Committees, which take into account the existing stage of development of each university, the type and nature of courses offered by it, the research capability developed by the universities etc. Further, grants under specific programmes like support for research, centres for Advance Study, Departments of Special Assistance, etc; are sanctioned on the basis of the standards attained by the relevant Departments in each University. A comparison of grants paid on the basis of per capita share is therefore neither feasible nor appropriate.

Adult Education in North Bengal

5500. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the efforts being made to popularise adult education in the five backward Districts of North Bengal ?