

रेल द्वारा शिक्षण और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालयों तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : गती तीन वर्षों में रेलवे बोर्ड ने किसी भी फर्म से कोई डीजल रेल इंजन नहीं खरीदा है। डीजल रेल इंजन बाराणसी और चितरंजन स्थित रेल कारखानों में बनाए जा रहे हैं।

Popularising of study of Vedas

5527. SHRI K. MALLANNA :
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made efforts to popularise study of Vedas in different parts of the country ;

(b) whether any seminar has recently taken place in Delhi in this regard ; and

(c) if so, what are the recommendations and what co-operation has been sought from Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Sankara Academy of Sanskrit Culture and Classical Arts, a voluntary organisation engaged in running institutions for imparting Vedic studies in the country, in co-operation with some other such institutions conducted an All India Vedic Students Convention in Delhi from 15th to 17th November 1981. One of the resolutions passed at the Convention is to request the Government of India :

(i) to raise the quantum of assistance to these Pathshalas from the existing level of 75% to 95% ;

(ii) to raise the level of salaries and scholarships for teachers and students, on the basis of which assistance is being granted to Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 150 per month respectively.

These are being examined.

Improvement of Palliady Railway Station

5528. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties and danger faced by the passengers who want to get down at the bridge at Palliady Railway Station in Trivandrum-Kanya-Kumari Railway line as they have to jump down to a depth of about 20 feet below into the water course due to narrowness and defective construction of the bridge ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulties faced by passengers because approach road to the station, latrine and waiting sheds are not provided in the Palliady Railway station ;

(c) the details of the steps that are taken by Government to remove these difficulties ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d). Palliady is a halt station. For the convenience of passenger traffic offering at this station, facilities like waiting hall, approach road, rail level platform 183 metres long already stand provided. It is not the policy to provide latrines at halt stations. The bridge referred to is about 9

metres beyond the end of the platform at Trivandrum Central side. The platform is intended to accommodate only 8 bogies. Recently trains with 15 bogies have been introduced. Proposal for extension of platform is under study. Provision of precast slabs for extra width over the openings of the bridge at the Trivandrum end has already been taken on hand. Instructions have also been issued to stop the trains clear of the bridge.

Absorption of retrenched casual labourers

5529. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of casual labourers served in the Trivandrum Kanya-kumari Railway construction work relieved from employment ;

(b) the number of such casual labourers relieved from the Nagercoil Tirunelveli Railway construction work ;

(c) whether there are proposals under the consideration of Government to absorb all these relieved casual labourer in the Karur-Dindugal, Tuticorin Railway construction work ; and

(d) whether preference would be given to these relieved casual labourers while recruitment is made for casual labourers in the new construction works and in the new vacancies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 4800.

- (b) 687.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Yes.

Turn Table facility at Vizianagaram Junction

5530. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOM-ANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no turn table facility at Vizianagaram Railway Junction of South-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in providing the turn table facility and state why this important Railway Junction under Waltair Division has been neglected by the Railway Authorities for such essential facility;

(c) whether the engineering survey has been completed for turn table of Vizianagaram and submitted to South Eastern Railway by the Waltair Division; and

(d) if so, whether the work will be included in next financial year i.e. 1982-83.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No turn table facility exists at Vizianagaram.

(b) The proposal for provision of 75 feet dia turn table at Vizianagaram for turning engines was examined in the past in connection with the diversion of the then train 5U/6Dn., Puri-Waltair Express via. Vizianagaram to and from Titlagarh. With the dieselisation of 89 Up/90Dn Bokaro Steel City—Madras Express, the need for direct train from East Coast to Sambalpur/Jharsuguda/Rourkela was substantially met for which 5 Up/6Dn. above was being proposed for diversion, as such there is no