

Recommendation of the Railway Convention Committee 1971 and 1973 on Suburban Trains

5566. SHRI SYEDMASUDAL HOSSAIN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Convention Committee, 1971 on Suburban Trains have recommended that suburban trains should provide one class of travel only ;

(b) if so, what action have been taken by the Government to implement the recommendation of the Committee ;

(c) whether the Railway Convention Committee, 1973, on Suburban Trains Services have recommended that due care should be taken to provide accommodation for ladies and children below twelve years by earmarking separate compartments for them ;

(d) if so, what action have been taken by the Government thereon ;

(e) whether the Railway Convention Committee, 1973 on Suburban services recommended that the Railways should ensure that nine coach rakes are introduced on all busy section in the three cities of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras so as to relieve congestion and over crowding at these places ; and

(f) if so, what action have been taken by the Government to provide nine coach rakes at these cities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER
IN THE MINISTERIES OF
RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a)
and (b) The recommendation was
not accepted considering that

the occupation level of First Class coaches on the suburban services is comparable to that of the Second Class coaches and their conversion into second class coaches would not result in the physical availability of extra accommodation. On the other hand, the abolition of First class travel is likely to cause loss of revenue to the Railways, because first class fares are higher than Second class fares.

(c) and (d). At least one compartment in second class is earmarked for exclusive use of lady passengers on every train. Where the demand for such accommodation is heavy, more than one compartment is provided for them. Children under 12 years are permitted to travel in compartments earmarked for ladies.

(c) Yes.

(f) In Bombay, suburban trains are already running with nine coaches. Many suburban trains in Calcutta are also running with 9 coach rake. The question of running the remaining trains with 9 coaches will be considered when additional EMU coaches become available.

In Madras, however, there is no proposal to run suburban services with nine coaches

Vacant Posts of Medical Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and steps to fill up the same.

5567. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how many posts in dispensaries/hospitals/PHCs-wise and category-