

view about the shifting of headquarters of Western Railways from Bombay to some other place keeping in view the over population of Bombay;

(b) whether Government intend to shift the headquarters of the Western Railways to Ahmedabad or Baroda or Gandhinagar in Gujarat keeping in view the views of the Maharashtra Chief Minister; and

(c) if so, the time by which headquarters of the Western Railways will be shifted to any place in Gujarat ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Number of Officers Serving in Shipping Corporation of India

869. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers, serving in Shipping Corporation of India

as on 1 September, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 and the number of them eligible for promotions as per the prevalent norms as on that date;

(b) the number of officers promoted during each year of 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 1981 and the percentage of this figure to total number of officers and number of officers eligible for promotions; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons in granting such large number of promotions to officers on one hand, and quite few to the class III and IV employees on the other, and what steps the Shipping Corporation of India management proposes to take to remove the disparity ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The number of officers serving in the Shipping Corporation of India as on 1st January 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981, the number eligible for promotion as per the prevalent norms as on that date, number of officers promoted during each years the percentage of this figure to total number of officers and to the number eligible for promotion are furnished below:—

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
No. of officers serving in the S.C.I.	390	442	468	496	521
No. of officers eligible for promotion	156	141	209	255	274
No. of officers promoted	76	47	72	81	111
Percentage of promotees to total number of officers	19.49%	16.3%	15.38%	16.33%	21.3%

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Percentage of promotees to the total number of officers eligible for promotion		48.72%	33.33%	34.45%	31.76%	40.51%

NOTE: The reason for indicating the strength as on 1st January is that promotions in officers' cadre are made by the Shipping Corporation of India annually w.e.f. 1st January (and not from 1st September as in the case of staff). The eligibility of the officers for promotion to the next higher grades is also determined with reference to the said date, i.e. 1st January and not 1st September.

(c) The promotion policy in respect of the officers and staff cannot be identical as the two groups of employees perform different types of work. The promotion of the staff is governed by an agreement signed in August 1972 and is followed meticulously. In the case of officers, there are no guaranteed promotions and all the promotions are need-based.

In view of the above, it is neither possible nor expedient to strike a balance between the two groups.

Promotions to Officers Vis-a-Vis Class III and IV Employees in Shipping Corporation of India

870. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class III and IV employees working in Shipping Corporation of India as on 1st September, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 and the number of them eligible for promotions as per the prevalent norms as on that date;

(b) the number of Class III and IV employees promoted during the years 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 and the percentage of this figure to total number of Class III and IV employees and number of Class III and IV employees eligible for promotion; and

(c) whether the 'Computer agreement' stipulates the minimum number of promotions to be given to Class III and IV employees?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERRENDRA PATIL):

(a) and (b). The total number of Class III and IV employees working in the Shipping Corporation of India as on 1st September, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981, the number eligible for promotion as per the prevalent norms as on that date, the number of Class III and IV employees promoted during these years and the percentage of promotees to total number of Class III and IV employees and number of Class III and IV employees eligible for promotion are furnished below—:

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Total No. of Class III and IV employees working in the S.C.I.	1144	1117	1093	1042	1005