

**No Water in Sri Ganganagar-Delhi Passenger Train on 10-10-1982**

3874. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 344 Sri Ganganagar-Delhi Passenger train, there was absolutely no water in any of the taps fixed in the train between Bhatinda and Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that all seats in Class I were torn out;

(c) whether it is a fact that the train took seven hours to reach Delhi, at distance of 150 kilometres;

(d) whether it is a fact that no water was taken by the train at different water filling stations; and

(e) whether no T.T.E. checked any passenger on 1st Class though unauthorised passengers had entered 1st Class compartment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No. Overhead Tanks of passenger train 344 Dn could not be watered at Bhatinda because of failure of Water supply at Bhatinda Railway station. It is not that there was no water available at all, but the possibility of some Overhead tanks having insufficient water cannot be ruled out.

(b) Yes. The incidence of theft of raxine cloth on Bhatinda-Delhi section is high due to vandalism. Steps are being taken to curb it. The raxine cloth could not be provided at Sri Ganganagar because of shortage of time.

(c) No. The running time allowed for 344 Dn between Bhatinda and Delhi (a distance of 298 Kms.) is 10 hours according to the time table and on 10.10-82 it arrived late by 2 Hrs. 55 mts. than its scheduled time. The

late running of the train was due to late arrival of the corresponding rake by 95 mts. at Sri Ganganagar and the rest of the time was lost due to various operational reasons, which was inescapable.

(d) Overhead tanks of the train could not be replenished enroute after it left Bhatinda, as the train examining staff at Bhatinda failed to send a message to other stations nor any of the passengers complained to any of the Station staff enroute that the train had no or insufficient water. The train examining staff at Bhatinda has been taken up for their lapses on this account.

(e) Passenger trains are checked periodically against ticketless travel.

**Diversion of Funds allotted for conversion of M.G. into B.G.**

3875. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any cases of diverting the funds allotted for conversion of the metre gauge into broad gauge line, to some other projects, particularly in Bihar (N.E.R.); and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, but none in Bihar.

(b) To accelerate some on-going Projects, nearing completion.

**Recruitment in Education Department**

3876. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrepancy in the recruitment rules approved for selection of Group A posts