

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Six officers and staff have already been punished and departmental proceedings against the remaining two officers are in progress. Therefore, the question of delay in taking action does not arise.

Textile worker, suffering from T.B. and survey to know its causes

3975. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that T. B. cases among Textile Workers are generally higher than general population; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to control this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) and (b) No Sample Survey has been conducted on the incidence of TB amongst the textile workers in the country. Therefore, there are no informations that the incidents of TB amongst them is higher than the prevalence rate amongst the general population. They get the service, like others, for TB under the National TB Control Programme of Government.

ईस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन की दानापुर शाखा से प्रस्ताव

3976. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ईस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन की दानापुर शाखा ने जुलाई-अगस्त 1982 में उन्हें कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) से (ग). 30 जुलाई, 1982 को हुई गेट मीटिंग में ईस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन की दानापुर शाखा द्वारा पारित संकल्पों की एक प्रति प्राप्त हुई है। संकल्पों में लिपिकों के पद भरने, मानदण्ड के आधार पर अराज्यप्रति कर्मचारियों की संख्या बढ़ाने, दानापुर की रेलवे कैंटीन की टाइलें लगाने, दानापुर में एक केन्द्रीय विद्यालय खोलने, रेलवे कालोनियों में सेवाओं के अनुक्रमण में सुधार करने आदि से सम्बन्धित स्थानीय मामलों का उल्लेख है।

सरकार की नीति के अनुसार किसी भी संकेत से प्राप्त अभ्यावेदनों पर यथोचित विचार किया जाता है और गुण-दोष के आधार पर उन पर यथावश्यक कार्रवाई की जाती है। ईस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन की दानापुर शाखा से प्राप्त संकल्पों पर भी इस नीति के अनुसार कार्रवाई की गयी है।

Filling of reserved vacancies by Scheduled Tribes in Class IV Service in Rajkot/Bhavnagar Division

3977. SHRI BHEEKHA BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy backlog of reserved vacancies to be filled by Scheduled Tribes in Class IV services in Rajkot/Bhavnagar Divisions and Bhavnagar Workshop in Western Railway.

(b) if so, reasons for not filling them up despite crash programmes

having been launched year after year; and

(c) whether this backlog of reserved vacancies is increasing year after year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. The shortfall of Scheduled Tribes in Class IV services in Rajkot Division and Bhavnagar Workshop has been substantially reduced as a result of Crash Programme launched from 1-4-81 to 31.12-1981.

(b) and (c) In Bhavnagar Division sufficient suitable Scheduled Tribe candidates have not been available for recruitment in Class IV services during and after the Crash Programme. Special efforts have therefore been made to draft Scheduled Tribes applicants from elsewhere with the help of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Associations and M.Ps. and M. LAs. Screening is now in progress to form a panel of Scheduled Tribe candidates.

Reserved vacancies for Scheduled Tribes in Western Railway

3978. SHRI BHEEKA BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made by Western Railway to wipe out shortfall backlog of reserved vacancies for Scheduled Tribes in various categories;

(b) if so, efforts afoot by the Railway Board;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the time limit set out for wiping out reserved vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI

MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes. All out efforts have been made, on the Western Railway, to wipe out shortfall of Scheduled Tribes in both recruitment and promotional categories through successive Crash Programmes.

(c) does not arise.

(d) Reservations are provided on the basis of vacancies available at a particular time and not on the basis of number of posts in the cadre. Besides, normally not more than 50 per cent of the available vacancies can be filled up by the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. It is within these parameters that the efforts are made. It is not possible to set time limits.

State-wise survey of polio victims children

3979. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government regarding the polio victim children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government have been taken to prevent this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes. A statement is attached.

(c) Polio vaccine is supplied to the State Health authorities under the expanded programme of immunization. The vaccine is available in immunization centres with adequate cold storage facilities. In addition, campaigns are organised in selected rural and tribal areas of the country.