

पूर्वी रेलवे के दानापुर डिवीजन में रिक्त पद

1754. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वी रेलवे की दानापुर डिवीजन के विभिन्न विभागों में अनेक पद रिक्त पड़े हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में 'ईस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन' के दानापुर डिवीजन के सचिव ने दानापुर के 'डिवीजनल मैनेजर' को कोई ज्ञापन भेजा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

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(क) से (घ). रेलों से सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Attempt to Hijack Madras-Mangalore West Coast Express

1755. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an attempt was made on 11 September, 1982 to hijack the No. 27 Madras-Mangalore West Coast Express at Manjeshwar Station, 30 Km. for Kasaragod;

(b) whether this bid to hijack the train was the first of its kind on the Indian Railways or earlier such attempts had been made; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such hijacking incidents involving important trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) A solitary case was reported over Northern Railway on 16-10-1979 wherein Farrukhabad—Delhi Coach attached next to engine of 1/TF Farrukhabad Tundla passenger train was got detached forcibly at Araon Station by some armed miscreants and taken to some distance. 14 criminals were arrested by the Police in this case.

(c) The following steps are the measures to prevent such incidents involving important trains:—

(i) Almost all passenger carrying trains are provided with armed escorts during night.

(ii) Beat patrolling of stations, platforms and waiting halls is done.

(iii) Surveillance over criminals and known bad characters is kept.

(iv) Police pickets are deputed at vulnerable stations.

US Wheat Shipment of India

1756. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian shipping lines were negotiating with TRANSCART for shipment of imported wheat from the US to India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that none of the shipping companies has refused to carry the imported wheat in spite of the low freight rate;

(c) if so, what were the current international freight rates in the month of