

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) total number of permanent and temporary posts of class III Staff of Accounts Deptt. in Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi ;

(b) whether the seniority list of Accounts Deptt. of DLW has been finalised and confirmation done ;

(c) how many SC and ST employees have been promoted against Group 'B' posts in Accounts Deptt. there ;

(d) if no employees belonging to ST and SC has been promoted, reasons therefor ; and

(e) number of posts of Assistant Accounts Officer reserved for SC and ST employees there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in the Incidence of "NARU" in Tribal Areas

1567. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of "NARU" in the predominantly tribal areas is increasing ;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government so far to check this disease ; and

(c) if no steps have been taken the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. However a plan scheme for guineaworms (NARU) eradication is in operation in the seven endemic States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajas-

than and Tamil Nadu to benefit both the tribal and non-tribal population.

The strategy to eradicate guineaworm disease envisages the following :

1. Provision of protected drinking water through the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme (ARWSS).

2. Health Education to promote personal prophylaxis.

3. Treatment of unsafe drinking waters with temephos.

4. Two active searches in a year to identify every case of guineaworm and unprotected water sources.

5. Training of district level Health and Engineering Officers at National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi.

The cost of Health education material, chemicals for treatment of drinking water and the cost of petrol and lubricants to improve the quality of two active searches for detection of cases of guineaworm is met by Centre.

दानापुर डिवीजन में 40-सूत्री रोस्टर को लागू करना

1568. श्री राम बिलास पासवान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वी रेलवे के दानापुर डिवीजन में 40-सूत्री रोस्टर को लागू नहीं किया जा रहा है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न श्रेणियों के कुल कितने कर्मचारियों को पदोन्नत किया गया है तथा उनमें से प्रत्येक श्रेणी में कितने कर्मचारी अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के थे ; और

(ग) विभिन्न श्रेणियों के ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें उक्त अवधि के दौरान