

(a) whether the Railways are presently facing a wagon shortage at coal-pitheads for the movement of coal for the rail-linked consumers' destination points ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether there is huge pilferage of coal during transit ;

(d) whether Railways have ever made an estimate of the coal pilfered in transit ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the steps being taken to provide adequate coal wagons particularly for the Eastern States, which are nearer to the coal-fields ; and prevent such massive pilferage by rail.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are some losses.

(d) No such estimate has been made. However, the Railways paid a sum of Rs. 42.79 lakhs approximately during 1982-83 as compensation on account of pilferage of coal.

(e) Supply of wagons is adequate to transport the coal made available at rail-heads for despatch to the States including Eastern States.

**Offices of Railway Service Commission at Bhubaneshwar**

4982. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in setting up an office of the Railway Service Commission at Bhubaneshwar (Orissa) ; and

(b) the areas which it will cover ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The Railway

Service Commission has already been set up at Bhubaneshwar and has started functioning. They have already issued a few Employment Notices against which recruitment will be held in due course.

(b) Railway Service Commission, Bhubaneshwar is to cater to the recruitment of staff for Khurda Road, Waltair and Chakradharpur Divisions of South Eastern Railway.

**Passenger Train Halt at Tikirapal**

4983. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an estimate has been prepared and pending for the last so many months for having a passenger train halt at Tikirapal in between Balasore and Haldipada railway stations of Kharapur Division in South Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by which time this passenger train halt will start functioning ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many representations were made to the authority by the people of that area and the local Member of Parliament on this issue, and whether the local revenue authorities have also submitted their report since long, if so, the action taken by the authorities for sanctioning the said stoppage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c). The proposal for opening of a passenger train halt at Tikirapal between Balasore and Haldipada stations was examined in the past but was not found financially justified. Representations for opening of this halt station have been received and the proposal is being reexamined again by the South Eastern Railway Administration.

**Entertainment Facilities on Superfast Mail and Express Trains**

4984. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :