

(ख) क्या इस लाइन पर पर्याप्त यात्री न होने के कारण यात्री डिब्बे लगभग खाली रहते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इस हानि को पूरा करने के लिये सरकार का विचार अलीगंज होते हुये बड़े लाइन वाले स्टेशन पखेना (बिहार) तक विस्तार करने का है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया) (क) बरहन-दूडला-दिल्ली-हावडा मुख्य लाइन का एक भाग है। लेकिन, बरहन-एटा शाखा लाइन अलाभ-प्रद है।

(ख) बरहन और एटा के बीच अप गाड़ियों का औसत उपयोग 59 प्रतिशत और डाउन गाड़ियों का 39 प्रतिशत है।

(ग) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Central Pay Commission Scale for Casual Workers on Railways

4014 SHRI KRISHNA HALDER · Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the casual workers employed on the Railways are given Central Pay Commission scale, and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) (a) and (b) On completion of six months' continuous service, casual labourers engaged on works other than projects are given regular scales of pay. Casual labourers engaged on projects are paid daily wages as their employment is against specific works which are not directly connected with the day-to-day running of the Railways.

Supply of Wagons to Collieries in Ramganj-Asansol Coal-Belt

4015 SHRI ROBIN SEN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of wagons supplied to different collieries in Ramganj-Asansol Coal-belt in 1969, 1970 and 1971 so far year-wise ; and

(b) the reason for less supply thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) · (a) Total number of wagons loaded were as given below —

1969	1970	1971 (up to May)
895372	799063	309357

(b) The shortfall in 1970 and 1971 was due to low level of demands up to August 1970 and large scale cancellation of sponsored rakes by the collieries and from September 1970 onwards due to dislocation of train services in the Eastern Sector of the country on account of various anti-social activities.

Theft of Railway Wires

4016 SHRI PHOOL CHAND VARMA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the loss suffered as a result of theft of Railway wires during the last three years, and

(b) the steps taken by Government to check such thefts ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) (a) The approximate loss suffered by the Indian Railways on account of theft of Railway wires during the years 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 is Rs. 3,82,823/-, Rs. 5,58,637/- and Rs. 7,58,577/- respectively

(b) A statement is attached

Statement

The following steps are being taken to minimise the incidence of theft of Railway wires :—

(1) Joint foot patrolling of affected sectors at night is being done by the R.P.F. staff and gangmen and several camps have been opened in the West Bengal area which is most affected. These camps are manned jointly by the Government Railway Police and the Railway Protection Force for preventing thefts of overhead equip-