

(a) the total number of Stores Depots in Southern Railway and how many Stores Depots are there in Kerala; and

(b) from which Store Depot Ernakulam Junction and Trivendrum Central Stations are served and the distance from the depot to these stations ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) There are 7 major stores depots and 10 sub-depots and none of these are situated in Kerala.

(b) Ernakulam Junction and Trivandrum Central are served by General Stores Depot at Nagappattinam for general stores. Loco and carriage & wagon items are supplied by the Loco Stores Depot, Madurai. The distances between these stations are indicated below:--

Nagappattinam to Trivandrum Central .. .. 616 Kms.

Nagappattinam to Ernakulam Junction .. .. 707 „

Madurai to Trivandrum Central .. .. 333 „

Madurai to Ernakulam 424 „

**DRINKING WATER FOR MERAL, GARHWA RAMNA STATIONS (EASTERN RAILWAY)**

**1248. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute scarcity of drinking water at Meral, Garhwa, Ramna Railway Stations in Palamau District (Bihar) and passengers face a lot of hardship;

(b) whether Government have any plan to sink tube wells at these stations to meet the need of the passengers; and

(c) if so, the main features of the plan ?

**THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) No.

(b) Deep wells exist at these stations already.

(c) Does not arise.

**INTRODUCTION OF A PASSENGER TRAIN FROM DELHI TO REWARI**

**1249. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new passenger train from Delhi to Rewari (Northern Railway) in order to avoid over-crowding; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be introduced ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) No, there is neither economic justification for running such short-distance shuttle as adequate services are already available, nor is there terminal capacity available at Delhi and Rewari to deal with additional train.

(b) Does not arise.

**दिल्ली-रेवाड़ी मीटर गेज रेलवे लाइन (उत्तर रेलवे) को दोहरा करना**

**1250. श्री ईश्वर चौधरी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली-रेवाड़ी (उत्तर रेलवे) के मध्य मीटर गेजरे लवे लाइन को दोहरा करने का कार्य कब प्रारम्भ किया गया था और अब तक उस पर कितना व्यय किया जा चुका है ;

(ख) उक्त कार्य कब से स्थगित है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) पाटौदी रेलवे स्टेशन तक यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तैया) : (क) दिल्ली और रेवाड़ी के बीच वाले 82 किलोमीटर लम्बे खण्ड का दिल्ली और दिल्ली सराय रोहिल्ला के बीच वाले 4 किलोमीटर लम्बे भाग पर 1952 से पहले ही दोहरी लाइन बिछा दी गयी थी। दो और भागों (i) दिल्ली सराय रोहिल्ला से गढ़ी हरसरू (37 किलोमीटर) और (ii) खलीलपुर से रेवाड़ी (11 किलोमीटर) के बीच 1956 और 1959 में दोहरी लाइन बिछाने का काम शुरू किया गया था जो क्रमशः मार्च और जुलाई, 1960 में पूरा किया गया। 48 किलोमीटर में दोहरी लाइन बिछाने के काम पर 91.43 लाख रुपये खर्च हुए।

(ख) काम को निलम्बित नहीं किया गया।

(ग) गढ़ी हरसरू-पटौदी रोड-खलीलपुर के बीच के (31 किलोमीटर) बकाया इकहरी लाइन वाले भाग में दोहरी लाइन बिछाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LABOUR BY LABOUR CONTRACTORS OF AJMER AND PALANPUR STATION

1251. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received against the Labour contractors of Ajmer, Marwar Junction and Palanpur Stations for inadequate supply of labour since October, 1971;

(b) the total number of loaders required to be provided and actually provided by Contractors at these stations during October, 1971 to December, 1971; and

(c) the total amount paid by the Railway to the Contractors every month and the amount deducted by the Railway from the bills of the Contractors for short supply of labour?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) Yes.

(b) The total number of loaders required to be provided during October, 1971 to December 1971 at Ajmer, Marwar Junction and Palanpur stations was 5796, 3128 and 7760 respectively. The total number of loaders supplied by the Contractors was 4911, 2668 and 2516 respectively.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

FORMATION OF CATEGORY-WISE UNIONS ON RAILWAY

1252. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3441 on the 29th June, 1971 regarding exchange of correspondence with unrecognised Railway Unions and state:

(b) whether Government are aware of the formation of category-wise Unions on the Railways; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to grant them negotiating facilities for redress of the grievances of their members?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) As already stated in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3441 dated. 29-6-1971, which has been referred to, in respect of collective subjects the recognised Unions are the only organisation through whom they can be discussed with the Administration. In respect of individual grievances, it is expected that employees who are not members of recognised Union should seek redressal of their grievances individually through official channels.

INCREASE OF COMMERCIAL CLERKS

1253. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traffic has increased on the Railways but the strength of Commercial Clerks has not increased proportionately;