

(ख) क्या नाथद्वारा के लोगों ने हस्ताक्षर अभियान चलाया है और बम्बई के रेलवे प्रशासन को एक भ्रम्यावेदन भेजा है, और यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्य-वाही की गई है ?

रेल मन्त्री (श्री टी. ए. पाई) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) सरकार ऐसे किसी हस्ताक्षर अभियान से भ्रवगत नहीं है। रेल प्रशासन को मार्च, 1972 में एक गुप्तनाम पत्र मिला था जिसमें कहा गया था कि नाथद्वारा आउट एजेंसी, जिसका कार्य अभी नाथद्वारा स्टेशन द्वारा किया जाता है, मावनी जंक्शन स्टेशन से भी सम्बद्ध कर दी जानी चाहिए। संबंधित समाचार में यह सुझाव दिया गया है कि वर्तमान ठेकेदार के ठेके की प्रवधि बढ़ाने के बजाय नये टेंडर मंगाए जाने चाहिए और आउट एजेंसी का कार्य स्टेशन नाथद्वारा के बदले मावली जंक्शन से होना चाहिए। आउट एजेंसी को मावनी जंक्शन से सम्बद्ध करने की मांग का औचित्य नहीं पाया गया है। फिर भी रेल प्रशासन ने नये टेंडर मंगाने का विनिश्चय किया है।

Non-payment of Night Duty Allowance to Staff of Loco and C. & W. Departments, Jhansi (Central Railway)

342. SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Night Duty Allowance is paid to Loco and C and W Breakdown staff at Jhansi (Central Railway) as per Railway Board's letter No. KDA/PC/60/DW/11/D of 7th July, 1962; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). The Loco and Carriage and Wagon Staff at Jhansi was not eligible for night duty allowance as they did not fulfil the conditions stipulated

in Board's letter No. PC-60/HW-2/3 dated 7.7.62. However, with effect from 1.4.67, they became eligible for the same due to a modification of the conditions. Loco breakdown staff have already been paid the night duty allowance accordingly while arrangements are being made to pay the arrears to Carriage & Wagon staff early.

Duty Rosters of Yard Staff, Jhansi (Central Railway)

343. SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether hours of Employment Rules are followed in implementing Duty Rosters of Yard staff, Jhansi, (Central Railway) and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether weekly rest of 30 consecutive hours is granted to them in each shift, and

(c) whether the staff has to perform double duties ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Not at present. However, in respect of Trains Clerks, Shunting Masters and Shunting Jamadars of the yard at Jhansi, while changing the weekly shift from 16-24 to 8-16 and 8-16 to 08, 8 hours' rest used to be provided. Such a roster has since been changed with effect from 22.7.72 by introducing new duty rosters providing 10 hours' rest before the change-over in the weekly shift hours.

Criteria applied for relieving the Transport Staff

344. SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Signallers posted at Kalka and Ghaziabad are not being relieved even though their transfers were ordered many months ago; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the criteria adopted for relieving the transferred staff ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). Due to shortage of Signallers it has not been possible to relieve one Signaller only from Kalka on transfer to Ghaziabad. As soon as the cadre position improves, the employee will be spared.

Facilities to trainees of Central Training Centre, Chandausi (Northern Railway)

345. **SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway employees being trained at Central Training Centre, Chandausi (N. Rly.) are not being provided with proper facilities of meals consistent with the prescribed allowance to which they are entitled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Facilities are being provided according to the prescribed allowances.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Increase in the number of Sleeper Coaches in G.T. Express running between Delhi and Madras

346. **SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM : SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the long journey passengers from Delhi to Bangalore and Cochin face great inconvenience for want of proper accommodation in G. T. Express running between Delhi and Madras as only a limited number of sleeper coaches are provided;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to increase the number of sleeper coaches in G.T. Express or convert all the other coaches into sleeper coaches; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) At present, the following through coaches are running between New Delhi and Cochin/Bangalore, involving haulage by Nos. 15/16 GT/AC Express and connected trains :

New Delhi-Cochin One III class 3-tier sleeper coach daily. One composite I & III class coach—5 days in a week.

New Delhi-Bangalore One I class and one partial 3-tier sleeper coach.

these coaches are serving the needs of traffic between New Delhi and Cochin/Bangalore adequately.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Visit of Experts of Railway Board to European countries to study underground railway system

347. **SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM : SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of experts of Railway Board has left for Russia and other European countries to have full knowledge about underground trains in those countries;

(b) whether "metro" system in Calcutta will be on the lines of trains running in those countries,

(c) whether the coaches and engines required for underground trains will be produced in the country or imported; and

(d) the extent to which the underground trains will meet the traffic requirement in Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) Coaches are planned for indigenous production with assistance from a foreign