

Suitability Test for Asstt. Station Masters (South Eastern Railway)

1301. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in South Eastern Railway, Assistant Station Masters in grade of 130-240 have to appear for suitability test before being promoted to grade of Rs. 205-280 ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether this system is in force on other Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). Promotion of Assistant Station Masters to grade Rs. 205-280 (AS) is made on the basis of seniority-cum-suitability. On the South Eastern Railway suitability is adjudged by scrutiny of service records and oral test. No written test is conducted for this purpose.

Rural Electrification in West Bengal

1302. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in each District of West Bengal which have been brought under rural electrification scheme as on 30th June, 1972 ; and

(b) the number of new villages in each District and in each Sub-division electrified between April 1 and June 30, 1972 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION IN POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) 4,012 villages has been electrified in West Bengal as on 30th, June, 1972. The district-wise details of these villages is given below :

Bankura	..	212
Birbhum	..	144
Burdwan	..	637
Cooch Behar	..	26
Darjeeling	..	160
Hooghly	..	465
Howrah	..	177
Jalpaiguri	..	172
Malda	..	120
Midnapur	..	376
Murshidabad	..	335
Nadia	..	477
24-Parganas	..	596
Purulia	..	87
West Dinajpur	..	28
Total :		4,012

(b) During the months of April, May and June, 1972, additional 684 villages were electrified in West Bengal. District-wise details of these electrified villages are given below :

Bankura	..	68
Birbhum	..	30
Burdwan	..	61
Cooch Behar	..	12
Darjeeling	..	2
Hooghly	..	80
Howrah	..	30
Jaipalguri	..	5
Malda	..	45
Midnapur	..	112
Murshidabad	..	81
Nadia	..	30
24-Parganas	..	92
Purulia	..	26
West Dinajpur	..	10
Total :		684

Text of various Trade Agreements between India and Bangladesh

1303. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) texts of various trade agreements between India and Bangladesh since latter's liberation ; and

(b) the progress in regard to the implementation of these trade agreements ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). Government have concluded only one Trade Agreement with Bangladesh, which was signed in New Delhi on March 28, 1972. A copy of the agreement has already been placed in the Parliament Library. The working of the agreement is to be reviewed towards the end of September, 1972, between the representatives of the two Governments.

Detective Police Cell to protect Railway property and electric wires

1304. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a detective police cell has recently been set up in West Bengal to protect rail property, including electric wires ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?