

1 दिसम्बर, 1972 में विलम्ब शुल्क और स्थान शुल्क की दूने बढ़ाने का विनिश्चय किया गया है और याशा है कि इस कदम में रेलवे मानडिब्बो तथा रेलपरिसरो से परेषणो की निकामी और तेजी में होगी।

"Dhanbad Railway Employees Affairs"

2052 SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:
SHRI RAMAVATAR
SHASTRI.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the comments of the *Hindustan Standard* dated the 17th December, 1971 (Dak Edition) under the caption "Dhanbad Railway Employees' Affairs"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) All newspaper features bearing on Railway matters are taken note of by the Railway authorities concerned.

(b) The suspended staff in question have since been put back to duty.

News item "Disappointment at Minister's absence at Dhanbad on 2nd April, 1972"

2053. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:
SHRI RAMAVATAR
SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption 'Disappointment at Minister's absence at Dhanbad on the 2nd April, 1972 in the "*Hindustan Standard*" dated the 5th April, 1972; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) (a) and (b) The then Minister for Railway had to make a last minute change in his programme on account of unforeseen reasons.

Pending Demand of Four-Wheeler Wagons

2054. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) with whom the demand for the supply of 40,000 four-wheeler wagons is pending, and

(b) the reasons given by them for not meeting the demand?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) A statement giving the distribution of the outstanding wagon orders as on 1.11.1972 is laid on the Table of the Sabha [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3835/72].

(b) Out of 32,716 wagons in terms of four wheelers on the wagon building industry in the private sector, original contractual delivery date has expired only in respect of 3,295 wagons. The main reasons for non completion of these wagons within the original contractual delivery date as indicated by the wagon builders are:

(i) in-adequate availability of steel and

(ii) labour troubles/lockouts, in the case of some of them.

In respect of the remaining 29,421 wagons, as per contract delivery dates, the wagon builders have sufficient time to complete the orders, as the delivery schedules for these wagons range from December, 1972 to February, 1976.