

Bifurcation of Southern and Eastern Railways

7863. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the considerations which led to the bifurcation of Southern and Eastern Railways after the inauguration of six Railway Zones;

(b) the total route kilometrage, the number of employees, and the volume of goods and passenger traffic per annum in these Railways at the time on their re-organisations; and

(c) whether any one of the present Railways have also approached the stage of bifurcation according to the considerations which led to the reorganisation of the Eastern and Southern Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The adequacy and extent of workload in relation to the efficiency of management of operations led to the bifurcation of Eastern and Southern Railways. Such factors are kept under constant review depending on development of traffic.

(b) At the time of their bifurcation, Eastern Railway had 9,205 route kilometrage, 253,427 employees and 53 million tonnes in originating goods traffic and 231 million in originating passenger traffic per annum, Southern Railway had 10,221 route kilometrage, 177,729 employees and 18 million tonnes in originating goods traffic and 263 million in originating passenger traffic per annum.

(c) No.

ARC recommendations to Railways in field of Railway Administration

7864. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The main recommendations made by the Administrative Reforms Commission team on Railways in the field of Railway Administration;

(b) whether any of the recommendations made by the Commission have been accepted by Government; and

(c) the specific recommendations which have since been accepted and implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). Out of a total of 49 recommendations contained in the ARC's Report on Railways, decisions on 42 recommendations (including 4 in part), viz., recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 3(1), 4, 5, 6(3), 8 to 12, 14(3), 15, 17, 19, 20, 24 to 37, 38(3) and 39 to 49 have been finalised and all of these except recommendation Nos. 3(1), 41(2) and 46(1) have been wholly or broadly accepted by Government. The decisions on recommendations which have been wholly or broadly accepted stand largely implemented with the exception of decisions on two recommendations Nos. 33(1) and 36(2), which will be implemented in due course.

Statements showing details of recommendations, Government decisions thereon and the manner of implementation of the decisions have been/are being laid on the Table of the House from time to time.

Opening of New Railway Service Commission

7865. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: