

**Cancellation of trains on Western Railway**

274. SHRIMATI ROZA

DESHPANDE:

SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 100 trains had been cancelled recently in the Western Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the loss Government had suffered due to this?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). As on 1-11-1974, 58 pairs of trains were remaining suspended on account of shortage of coal and another 8 pairs for shortage of water.

(c) No separate accounts of passenger earnings is kept for individual train. However as the majority of suspended trains run over short distances or on branch lines, the resultant loss in earnings are not likely to be of any magnitude.

**Change in colour of uniforms of Guards**

275. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether white uniform of Guards are being changed to Khaki ones; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Guards as a whole thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Guards Grade 'A' and 'B' are given uniform of white drill in summer and serge blue in

winter and Guards Grade 'C' are given Uniforms in Khaki drill in summer and Khaki serge in winter. These are in accordance with the recommendations of the Uniforms Committee, 1969-70.

(b) In recommending the uniforms for the different categories of Guards, the Committee have taken into consideration the nature of duties performed by them. Representations have been received from the recognised unions suggesting that the uniforms for Guards Grade 'C' should be the same as for the Guards Grade 'A' and 'B'.

**बलिया जिले में स्वतंत्रता सेनानी शहीद स्मारक का निर्माण**

276. श्री तारकेश्वर पांडे : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बलिया जिले में स्वतंत्रता सेनानी शहीद स्मारक के निर्माण के लिए अप्रयुक्त पड़ी रेलवे भूमि को देने के बारे में निर्णय कब तक किया जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : रेल प्रशासन के पास बलिया में कोई फालतू जमीन नहीं है जो स्वतंत्रता सेनानी शहीद स्मारक के निर्माण के लिये छोड़ी जा सके।

**Additional soft credit from Iran to India**

277 SHRI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran is likely to provide additional soft credit to India for the purchase of crude;

(b) if so, the quantity of crude oil which Iran has agreed to supply against the credit; and

(c) the total quantity of crude expected to be imported from Iran during the next year?