

(c) if the reply to question (b) is in affirmative will Government reconsider to reduce the price of the platform ticket matching with the cheapest railway journey ticket to avoid evasion and to mitigate the hardships of general public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The amount of revenue earned through the sale of Platform Tickets was as under

1971-72	Rs. 97 21 Lakhs
1972-73	Rs 109 72 Lakhs
1973-74	Rs 110 08 Lakhs
1974-75	Rs 136.69 Lakhs (up to December '74)

(b) No

(c) Does not arise

Construction of Overbridges at different points in Patna

3900 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether construction of an overbridge on the Western Railway crossing at Patna Junction (at Mithapore) is contemplated;

(b) whether there are similar plans to construct overbridges at different points in Patna town particularly at Rajendranagar and Gardanibagh; and

(c) if so, when these projects are likely to be taken up and completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH). (a) Although Bihar Government had requested in 1969 for inclusion of this work in the phased programme for construction of Road overbridges, no firm proposal has yet been sponsored by the Government of Bihar so far

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise

Recruitment of Class III Employees by Southern Railway Service Commission at Madras

3901 DR K L RAO Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Class III employees have been recruited in the last four years by the Southern Railway Service Commission at Madras,

(b) how many of these are inhabitants of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if the number of those employed from Andhra Pradesh is comparatively small, what steps Government propose to take in order to bridge this inequality?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) to (c). Information regarding recruitment of staff is not maintained Statewise but only Railwaywise. The number of candidates recommended for appointment by the Railway Service Com-