

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Adequate line capacity can be provided, at present, on Hyderabad-Kurnool section by cheaper measures other than electrification.

Railway Employees

1916. { Shri T. Ram:
Shri Sheo Narain:
Shrimati Ganga Devi:
Shri Sadhu Ram:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I and Class II officers belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes on all Railway (Zone-wise) including the Railway Board's office;

(b) their percentage as compared to other employees belonging to these two categories;

(c) how many Class III employees belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes have been considered for promotion to class II posts during the years 1959 to 1963 on all Indian Railways (Zone-wise) including Board's Office on the basis of Railway Board's orders issued in respect of reservation for members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in 1959;

(d) whether it is a fact that before issue of Home Ministry's orders dated 8th November, 1963 the Railway Board issued directives to the Railways to cancel reservation in promotional vacancies in Class I and II posts; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2655/64].

S.O. & S.T. Employees in Railway Board

1917. { Shri T. Ram:
Shri Sheo Narain:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class III employees of Scheduled Castes/Tribes, working against the ex-cadre posts in Railway Board's office;

(b) the percentage of such employees to ex-cadre posts;

(c) the number of them working in Vigilance Section as Inspectors and

(d) the procedure employed in filling up the ex-cadre posts?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (d). There are in all 93 ex-cadre posts in 36 different categories in the Board's office. These are mostly the posts of Inspectors and Technical Assistants requiring specialised knowledge and background of field work. The qualified staff required to fill these posts are usually drawn from among technical departments on the Railways and also occasionally handpicked from among suitable staff in the Board's office. One of the ex-cadre posts—that of Transport Inspector—is at present held by a Scheduled Caste Assistant of the Board's office. One post of Investigating Inspector in Vigilance Section of the Board's office was also till recently held by another Scheduled Caste Assistant in this office. It has been difficult to find suitable candidates from among the Scheduled Caste employees to fill these specialised posts.

S.C. & S.T. Employees

1918. { Shri T. Ram:
Shri Sheo Narain:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class III employees belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes working in Railway Board's office possessing the degree and post-graduate qualifications;