

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madurai-bound Rameswaram Passenger Train was detained by students at Silaiman Station near Madurai in February, 1968;

(b) if so, what are their grievances; and

(c) the action taken to redress their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes.

(b) The students had protested against the train running with five bogies instead of the normal composition of seven bogies.

(c) The composition of this train had to be reduced to mobilise coaches to meet the demands of mela traffic on the occasion of Mahamakham festival at Kumbakonam during February, 1968. The normal composition of seven bogies has since been restored.

MINES UNDER CONTROL OF RAJA OF RAMGARH IN BIHAR

5328. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) how many mines are under the control of ex-Raja of Ramgarh in Bihar;

(b) whether Government plan to nationalize those mines; and

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

SAMASTIPUR-JAYANAGAR RAILWAY LINE

5329. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have completely given up the idea of extending the broad gauge line from Samastipur to Jayanagar and reopening

the Railway lines from Nirmali to Supaul; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

LEAVE RESERVE IN SIGNAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION BRANCH

5330. SHRI K. K. NAYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a failure to maintain the requisite strength for leave reserves and Rest-givers in the various categories in the Signal and Telecommunication Branch of the Indian Railways; and

(b) whether the staff in these categories often fail to secure leave and rest in time ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir, except for administrative reasons and on occasions such as during marriage season, important festivals etc., it may not be feasible to grant leave/rest to all at the same time.

CADRES OF SIGNAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION STAFF

5331. SHRI K. K. NAYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many Divisions in the various zones of the Indian Railways maintain their own designations of various cadres of the Signal and Telecommunication staff with the result that two employees performing equivalent services in two regions are known in the respective regions by different designations;

(b) whether such a distinction in designations is likely to mislead the authorities in regard to the salaries and other perquisites of the jobs concerned; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to end these disparities by standardisation of designations and if so, when ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

**SIGNAL AND TELE-COMMUNICATION STAFF**

5332. **SHRI K. K. NAYAR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the employees of the Signal and Tele-communication staff of the Indian Railways are not provided Railway accommodation either about or near the areas in which they are to work;

(b) whether the Railways expect these employees living at far off sites to be available constantly for instant attendance at points of failures far from their residence; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide residential accommodation to such employees at or near Tughlakabad, Shakur basti, Jind, Narela, Ganaur, Shahbad and Sahibabad on the Northern Railways ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):** (a) Such of the staff of Signal and Tele-communication Department as are required to attend to failures and malfunctioning of the Signal & Tele-communication equipment at short notice are classified as 'essential' for the purpose of allotment of quarters. Along with the 'essential' staff of other Departments at the station or in the area, they are allotted with quarters, subject to availability and in their turn, according to the date of registration of their applications for quarters.

Quarters are provided to 'essential' staff near their place of work to the extent available.

(b) Normally No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, it is our desire to build additional quarters at these stations for housing essential staff of the Signal & Telecommunication and other Departments on a programme basis within the funds available for the purpose.

**DISTRIBUTION OF WORKLOAD ON EMPLOYEES OF SIGNAL AND TELE-COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT OF THE INDIAN RAILWAYS**

5333. **SHRI K. K. NAYAR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have so far devised or attempted the necessary statistical job analysis to ensure equitable distribution of work-load on the employees of Signal and Tele-communication Department of the Indian Railways; and

(b) if not, when such a distributional arrangement is likely to commence ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):** (a) Yes. Time and Motion Studies with a view to determine the workload for certain categories of staff of Signal and Tele-communication Department have been carried out and a report prepared in this regard is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में कागज बनाने की फैक्टरी

5334. श्री मोहन शर्मा : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश में कागज बनाने की एक फैक्टरी स्थापित करने का विचार छोड़ दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने हस्तिनापुर (मेरठ जिला) में कच्चे माल के उत्पादन के बारे में कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया है या सर्वेक्षण कराने का विचार किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश में कागज बनाने का संयंत्र लगाने का विचार फिलहाल इसलिए स्थगित कर दिया गया है कि उत्तर प्रदेश / बिहार क्षेत्र की