

around Calcutta has increased considerably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb this to ensure safe movement of trains and for prevention of damage to railway tracks ?

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

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above. As soon as encroachments are detected, prompt action is taken to issue quit notices failing which action under the Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1958 is resorted to.

#### Recruitment of Ticket Examiners

9066. SHRI SUBRAVELU :  
SHRI NARAYANAN :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that economy has been effected in the recruitment to the cadres of Ticket Examiners ; and

(b) if so, the likely loss of revenue due to increase in ticketless travel ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Economy in the cadre of Ticket Examiners has been made wherever feasible.

(b) Any economy that has been effected is without detriment to the efficiency in checking of ticketless travel.

#### Scales of Pay of Trainee Assistant Station Masters and Permanent Station Masters

9067. SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :  
SHRI NARAYANAN :  
SHRI KAMALANATHAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the scales of pay of trainee Assistant Station Masters and Permanent Station Masters ;

(b) whether there is considerable disparity in their scales of pay ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) to (c). A trainee Assistant Station Master during training gets a stipend at the rate of Rs. 130 p.m. and on his posting to a working post, he gets a starting pay of Rs. 150 p.m. in the Authorised scale of Rs. 130-240. The scales of pay for Assistant Station Masters and Stations Masters are :

#### Assistant Station Masters

Rs. 130-240 (with a minimum start of Rs. 150)

Rs. 205-280

Rs. 250-380

Rs. 335-425

#### Station Masters

Rs. 205-280

Rs. 250-380

Rs. 335-425

Rs. 370-475

Rs. 450-575 (Station Superintendent—  
Non-gazetted)

The trainee Assistant Station Masters get stipend only during the training and Station Masters draw pay in the regular scales of pay. There are two different categories and thus a comparison between them is not apt.

#### Manning of Trains by Travelling Ticket Examiners

9068. SHRI KAMALANATHAN :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI NARAYANAN :  
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains, Division-wise, which are not manned by the Travelling Ticket Examiners ; and

(b) the reasons for not manning some trains by Travelling Ticket Examiners ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). Statistics regarding the number of trains Division-wise which are not manned by Travelling Ticket Examiners, are not maintained. Out of a total number of about 4,950 trains run per day on the Indian Railways, which include Mail/Express, Passenger and Suburban trains, only important trains are manned by Travelling Ticket Examiners. On all other passenger carry-