

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Better scales of pay.

(c) The question does not arise as the scales allotted to these categories of staff are commensurate with the duties and responsibilities entrusted to these staff.

Purchase of Trucks and Motor Vehicles

1688. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the makes of trucks and motor vehicles in the approved list of Government for purchase and use by them;

(b) the prices fixed for them; and

(c) the number of new trucks or motor vehicles purchased by Government during the last three years?

The Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning (Shri Raghuramiah): (a) No approved list of trucks and motor vehicles is maintained by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals. The following makes of well-known vehi-

cles, manufactured in the country are purchased by the D.G.S. & D.

1. Tata Mercedes Benz Truck Bus Chassis.
2. Willys Jeep and 3¼ ton Truck Chassis.
3. Leyland 'Commet' Chassis for Bus and Truck.
4. Hindustan Ambassador Car and Bedford Group of Chassis for Truck and Bus.
5. Fiat Car and Dodge/Fargo Group of Chassis suitable for Trucks and Bus.
6. Tempo Hansa Three Wheeler Chassis and Delivery Van.
7. Standard One Ton Truck Chassis.

(b) The prices of motor vehicles are regulated by the Ministry of Industry on an informal basis only. The prices differ from model to model depending upon the length of the Wheelbase and the Engine to be fitted to them. The prices of various models of different types of vehicles on Rate Contracts with the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals are broadly as under:—

Model	Price
Tata Mercedes Benz	Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 45,000
Willys Jeep	Rs. 15,653/-
Leyland Commet Chassis	Rs. 44,000/- to Rs. 45,200
Ambassador Car	Rs. 14,600/-
Bedford Chassis	Rs. 24,200/- to Rs. 31,000/-
Fiat Car	Rs. 12,797/-
Dodge/Fargo Chassis	Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 34,800
Tempo Hansa Three Wheeler	Rs. 7,282/-
Delivery Van	Rs. 9,209/-
Standard Truck Chassis.	Rs. 15,600/- (being brought on Rate contract)

(c) The number of motor vehicles purchased from October 1963 to September 1966 is as under:—

	Nos.
Tata Mercedex Benz Vehicles	9957
Dodge/Fargo Group of Vehicles	3735
Bedford Group of Vehicles	3168
Hindustan Ambassador Car	1121
Willys Group of Vehicles	7873
Leyland Commet Chassis	601
Tempo	198
Standard One Ton Chassis	86

Trains between Delhi and Jind

1689. Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints that passenger trains between Delhi and Jind run without light and water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes. There have been some complaints regarding lighting and non-availability of water in these trains.

(b) The trains running between Delhi and Jind are slow passenger trains and the batteries get limited charging during the run and get discharged if any generating equipment goes out of order due to deficiencies on account of thefts. Owing to limited time available at Delhi between arrival of the incoming train and departure of the train from Delhi to Bahadurgarh, it becomes difficult sometimes to replenish all the carriage roof tanks fully, particularly when incoming trains to Delhi are late.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Railway Administration:

(i) Terminal charging of the batteries has been strengthened to make good the dis-

charge of the batteries. Concerted efforts are being made to make up the deficiencies and safeguard the train lighting equipments by escorting the trains.

(ii) Arrangements have been made to supplement water supply in the coaches by filling at stations *en route* before arrival at Delhi and this alternative arrangements has overcome the problem.

Booking Offices on Delhi Rohtak Chord Section

1690. Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Booking Offices on Delhi-Rohtak Chord Section are opened only 10-15 minutes before the trains actually arrive, resulting in travelling without tickets;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard during the last one year; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No booking windows at all stations on the section except Rohtak and Delhi are opened one hour before the arrival of the trains. Booking offices at Delhi and Rohtak are kept open for 24 hours.

(b) No complaints have been received in this regard during the last one year.

(c) Does not arise.

Derailment of Madras Express

1691. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engine of Tiruchirapalli Madras Express derailed on the morning of 25th