

Filling up of Posts of Assistant Inspector of works on the Railways

6377. SHRI RAMANAND SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Assistant Inspector of Works filled up in Grade Rs. 205-280(As) should be on the basis of 75 per cent from direct recruit holding diploma in civil engineering and 52 per cent by promotions from lower grades;

(b) whether it is also a fact that proportion of 75 per cent and 25 per cent is being maintained strictly in respect of direct recruit and promotee; and

(c) if so, reasons why the above proportion is not being maintained in all the divisions of the Northern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) and (b). Under the extant instructions, 25% of vacancies of Assistant Inspectors of Work in the scale Rs. 205-280 are to be filled by promotion of Works Ministries and the remaining 75% by direct recruitment of diploma holders in Civil Engineering. In view, however, of the need for economy and the need to absorb the surplus staff, recruitment on Railways is made only when absolutely necessary and is restricted to the barest minimum.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Passenger and Goods Facilities on Stations on Itarsi-Jabalpur Section (Central Railway)

6378. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passenger and goods facilities provided on stations on Itarsi-Jabalpur section of the Central Railways are adequate;

(b) whether they are equal to, less or more than stations on Jhansi-Itarsi section of the said Railway; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make them equal to other stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Such comparison cannot be made as passenger and goods facilities are not provided on the basis of sectional comparison but on the basis of traffic requirements at each station.

(c) Does not arise.

Terminal and Passenger Facilities at Itarsi Junction (Central Railway)

6379. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Itarsi Junction on the Central Railway with regard to the number of passengers and tonnage of goods handled there, in comparison to other similar junctions in the country;

(b) whether the terminal and passenger facilities now provided at Itarsi are equal to junctions having similar traffic;

(c) if not, steps proposed to be taken to improve them;

(d) whether the Railways have considered, are considering the rise in passenger and goods traffic as a result of Artillery Proof Firing Range being located near Itarsi; and

(e) if so, what other terminal and passenger facilities are proposed to be provided at Itarsi?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) From the point of view of passenger and goods traffic originating and terminating at Itarsi, this junction does not rank very high, as the average daily number of passengers booked is 2400 and average daily inward goods traffic is 1840 quintals and average daily outward goods traffic 1610 quintals. From this point of view Itarsi does not come up even to the level of a junction like Jhansi. The real importance of Itarsi is its being a focal point for movement of through traffic from various directions.