

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

**Ticketless Travel on Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge Line (South Eastern Railway)**

5072. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any intensive campaign launched to check ticketless travel on the Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge section of the South Eastern Railway during 1968 and upto June, 1969;

(b) if so, on what dates and the result of such campaign; and

(c) whether the Railways propose to launch such campaigns in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No intensive campaign was launched on this section against ticket-less travel as none was called for taking into account the level of ticket-less travel detected on this section during 18 surprise checks that were carried out in 1968 and first six months of 1969.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such a campaign will be arranged if the need arises.

**Conversion of Narrow Gauge Railway Line from Rupsa to Bangriposi into Broad Gauge**

5073. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was undertaken in the near past to explore the possibility of making the present Narrow Gauge Railway line from

Rupsa to Bangriposi (South Eastern Railway) into Broad Gauge one and to link it up with Chakulia or Rairangpur Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) to (c). Investigation carried out in 1965 revealed that the conversion of the Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge section into Broad Gauge and its further extension upto Rairangpur would not be financially justified. Hence this proposal is not being considered at present.

**Railway Engineering Gazetted Staff**

5074. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the Railway Engineering Gazetted staff in the year 1952 and now;

(b) the strength of non-Gazetted Railway Drawing staff in that year and now; and

(c) what is the yard stick for the creation of Class I and II Gazetted posts in the Engineering Cadre and whether it has any relation to the number of Class III staff an officer has to supervise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Gazetted posts in Class I and II are sanctioned after taking into account the work-load and responsibilities involved. It has no direct relation to the number of Class III staff.