

NEW FLAG STATION AT TANSET ON  
KALYAN-KASARA SECTION  
(CENTRAL RAILWAY)

5114. SHRI BASWANT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Local and Passenger trains are halting at Tanset on the Kalyan-Kasara Section of the Central Railway on account of Power House;

(b) whether the people going to and coming from the Bhatasa Project are travelling without tickets on account of this halt and in view of the difficulties experienced by the people, what objection is there to start a Flag Station at Tanset; and

(c) if there is any proposal, when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : (a) Two local trains and two passenger trains are stopped at Thansit (not Tanset) Block station to enable railway employees working at the railway station and at the Traction Sub-Station located nearby to reach their place of work as they are not provided with any residential accommodation at this station.

(b) & (c). The question of opening Thansit Block station for passenger traffic has been examined but the proposal has not been found feasible financially as well as from the Engineering point of view as the Block station is situated on a steep gradient.

Some passengers have been detected travelling without tickets from Thansit Block station but charges according to rules were recovered from them.

CLASS DISTINCTION FOR TRAVEL ON  
RAILWAYS

5115. SHRI B. P. MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of receipts from Passenger fares during the last three years;

(b) the annual percentage during these three years from the passengers of the Air-conditioned; First Class, Second Class and Third Class, respectively; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the continuance of class distinction for travel on the Railways is an anachronism to the idea of socialism and, if so, whether Government contemplate to do away with these classes on the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) No, Sir. Railways being a public undertaking have to provide classes of travel for which there is public demand.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The Passenger Earnings and the percentage in the various classes of travel during the past three years were as under :—

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69*
Passenger Earnings (Crores Rs.)	229.34	252.64	265.10
Percentage of total Passenger Earnings:			
Airconditioned Class	0.90	0.92	0.86
1st Class	7.50	7.19	7.33
2nd Class	3.43	3.30	3.06
Airconditioned Chaircars.	0.29	0.40	0.39
3rd Class	87.88	88.19	88.36
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

\*Provisional.

पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में माल क्लर्कों, कोच क्लर्कों, टिकट क्लर्कों और गाड़ों की नियुक्ति के लिए उम्मीदवारों का चयन

5116. श्री भोलू प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अप्रैल, 1968 में रेलवे सेवा संघ आयोग, इलाहाबाद के माल क्लर्क, कोच क्लर्क, टिकट क्लर्क और गाड़ों के पदों के लिये उम्मीदवारों का चयन किया था;