

Stoppage of Mail Trains at Khanna Railway Station and Railway link between Khanna and Chandigarh

4766. SHRI BUTA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Khanna Area Residents Association (Regd.) Delhi, made a representation regarding stoppage of Railway Mail Trains at Khanna Railway Station and Railway link between Khanna and Chandigarh ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted the survey of the area for the purpose ; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) A representation dated 18.7.69 from Khanna Area Residents Association, New Delhi regarding provision of stoppages of 27 Up/28 Dn Flying Mails at Khanna was forwarded by the M. P. himself.

(b) No survey for Khanna-Chandigarh rail link has been carried out. However, a final location survey to fix the alignment of a railway line from Jagadhari to Ludhiana via Chandigarh has just been started and is in progress.

(c) Provision of stoppages of 27 Up/28 Dn Flying Mails at Khanna has not been found justified having regard to the volume of traffic offering and the availability of services there.

Platform at Govindgarh Khokhar Railway Station

4767. SHRI BUTA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct a suitable Railway Platform at Govindgarh Khokhar Railway Station in Punjab ;

(b) if so, the progress made in this respect ; and

(c) whether there are increasing pilferage and theft cases for want of adequate accommodation on platform etc. at this station ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) No. A low level pucca platform exists already.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employed in Medical Department of Eastern Railway

4768. SHRI NIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Health Inspectors from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes given promotion in the selection post in scale of Rs. 250-380 in the Medical Department of Eastern Railway in the last three years ; and

(b) the percentage of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Medical Department, Eastern Railway ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) None.

(b) Reservation of posts to the extent of 15% and 7½% for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, respectively, is admissible for promotion to selection posts in Class III, where the element of direct recruitment does not exceed 50%.

Avenues of Promotion of Railway Doctors

4769. SHRI MASURIYA DIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the financial position of the Railways and the setting up of the Third Pay Commission, Railways have in the last month done upward revision of pay of Divisional Superintendents and Heads of Departments ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not improving Railway Doctors' avenues of promotion when their case is pending before the Administration since 1964 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) and (b). Yes Along with the revision of the scales of pay of Divisional

Superintendents and Heads of Departments, the pay scale of the Chief Medical Officers on the Railways has also been revised upward from Rs. 1800-100-2000 to Rs. 1800-100-2000-125-2250 with effect from 1.10.1970. After 1964, the following improvements have been made in the promotion prospects and service conditions of Railway Doctors :

- (i) In conformity with what had been done for the Central Health Services, all posts of Assistant Surgeons held by medical graduates have been upgraded from Class III scale of Rs. 335-650 to Class II scale of Rs. 350-900.
- (ii) Provision has been made in the Recruitment Rules for Assistant Medical Officers in grade Rs. 350-900 (Class II) that 25% of vacancies in this grade should be filled by promo-

tion of the existing Licentiate Assistant Surgeons in scale Rs. 335-650 (Class III).

- (iii) A new category of Medical Superintendents, some in the Intermediate Administrative grade Rs. 1600-1800 and the rest in the Junior Administrative grade Rs. 1300-1600 which was not in existence in the Medical Department has been introduced.
- (iv) The promotion quota of 33½% for Assistant Medical Officers in grade Rs. 350-900 (Class II) for their promotion to the posts of Divisional Medical Officers in grade Rs. 700-1300 (Class I) has been increased to 50%.
- (v) The rate of non-practising allowance has been improved as under :

Designation	Restricted non-practising allowance	
	Existing prior to 1.1.66	Revised w. e. f. 1.1.66
Director, Health Railway Board	Nil	Rs. 500 per month
Chief Medical Officer	Nil	do.
Medical Superintendent	Nil	35% of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 500 per month.
Divisional Medical Officer	20% of pay	35% of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 400 per month.
Assistant Medical Officer	20% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 125 per month.	33½% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 150 per month.
Assistant Surgeons*	do.	do.

*Applicable to the existing Licentiate Assistant Surgeons only which is a diminishing category.

Economy Drive in Coal Consumption in Jabalpur Division (Central Railway)

4770. SHRI VIDYA DHAR BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that he has launched

an economy drive in coal consumption in Jabalpur division of the Central Railway ; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) Economy in consumption of coal has been achieved.