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**Rail Yatri Magazine**

3591. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways propose to provide guidance to all other departments through its programmes and bring out a 'Rail Yatee' magazine in view of its pioneering work in the field of implementation of Official Language and also proposes to commence Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Official Language from September 14, 1999;

(b) whether the outlines of this programme have been drawn up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which the outlines of this programmes are likely to be drawn up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) Yes, Sir. "Rail Yatri Magazine" for the passengers reading on board will be introduced initially on Shatabdi/Rajdhani trains. It would be a quarterly issue featuring on tourism, culture, food, health, literature, art, life style etc. Each issue will have a dedicated story on transport related issues. The Magazine will be in two languages i.e. Hindi & English. Some of the articles will be in English while others in Hindi.

It is proposed to commence Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Official Language from September 14, 1999.

(b) and (c) The outlines of the programme are being drawn.

(d) The outlines will be ready by the end of June, 1999.

[English]

*Labour***National Wage Policy**

3592. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new National Wage Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to introduce the new National Wage Policy at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

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**Army Recruitment Centre in Bihar**

3593. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open Army recruitment centre in the Bhagalpur district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the revised recruitment policy from 01 April 1998, the location of Branch Recruiting Office is not important since all recruitment is done through open rallies only by Recruiting Teams detailed by the concerned Zonal Recruiting Office.

**Procedure for computing Group 'B' Officers Into Group 'A'**

3594. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the procedure/formula laid down for computing vacant posts for entry of Group 'B' officers into Group 'A'; and

(b) the date on which the last amendment was made therein and the objective thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) The posts to be filled each year in Junior Scale Group 'A' Railway services are equally divided between Direct Recruitment through UPSC and promotion of eligible Group 'B' Railway Officers.

(b) The ratio of recruitment between Direct Recruits and programme was 60:40 for Railway Group 'A' services (other than for IRPS, where it was 50:50). The ratio has been changed to 50:50 for all Group 'A' services w.e.f. 31-7-1997. This is likely to increase the induction of Group 'B' Officers to Group