

[*Translation*]**Electrification of Mughal Sarai-Barauni Line**

6254. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify Mughal Sarai-Barauni line;

(b) if so, when, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification of Railways being a capital intensive work, investment within the limited resources is made as per priority, on sections which have high traffic density. Presently, priorities are to complete electrification of Delhi-Bombay via Central Railway route, Delhi-Madras via Grand Trunk route, Howrah-Bombay via Nagpur route and heavy density mineral routes. In view of these priorities and constraint of resources, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify Mughal-sarai- Barauni section.

[*English*]**Recruitment of 'Out-of-State' Candidates by Air India**

6255. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA:
SHRI SUDARSAN
RAYCHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Out-of-State' candidates are not recruited by the Air India in certain

categories;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(c) whether Government approve of such a policy in the public sector;

(d) whether the Air India authorities have received any representation alleging discrimination in this behalf; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) to (c). Air India recruits all categories of officers like Personnel Officers, Assistant Station Superintendents, Jr. Technical Officers, Engineers, Medical Officers and Co-Pilots on an all India basis. Certain non-officer categories like Aircraft Technicians, Asst. Flight Pursers and Airhostesses are also recruited on an all India basis. Certain other non-officer categories like Clerks, Typists, Stenographers, Traffic Assistants etc are recruited through the on-line stations where the demand for the post exists. In such cases, these posts are notified to the Employment Exchange in the concerned State as well as to the various SC/ST, Ex-Servicemen Organisations and advertised in the local press. Recruitment procedures for the posts take into account the instructions issued by Central and State Governments.

(d) and (e). One complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of domicile had been received from a candidate who subsequently filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court.

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6256. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: