

### Goods movement and Passenger Traffic

\*1110. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of new trains introduced for the passengers during the years 1979-80 and 1980-81 (zone-wise);

(b) whether it has any effect on the movement of goods trains;

(c) if so, whether any goods train has been cancelled;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government is reviewing the relative importance of both these rail operations, viz., goods movement and passenger traffic ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) A total of 53 non-suburban passenger carrying trains were introduced in 1979-80 and 79 in 1980-81 (upto December, 80).

(b) to (d). Introduction of any fast train will result in some impact on goods traffic on saturated sections. However while introducing new trains Railways keep in view both passenger and goods operations. No goods trains have been cancelled on this account.

(e) In the interest of national economy, demanding a higher priority for meeting the freight traffic needs and owing to the inadequacy of passenger coaches, it has become essential to slow down introduction of additional passenger trains for the time being.

### Adivasi workers on Railways

\*1111. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Divisional Railway Manager, Jodhpur of Northern Railway had been approached by Bhil Samiti, Jodhpur more than once for recruiting Adivasi Casual workers on the Luni and Rohat floods works near Jodhpur;

(b) if so, whether the Adivasi workers whose representation in railway service is almost negligible have been refused recruitment;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to launch a special drive for their recruitment;

(e) if so, when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f). A cash programme for recruitment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in class III and IV categories has been launched *w.e.f.* 1/4/1981.

### Process of open Delivery

\*1112. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Allahabad, Lucknow and Morabad Divisions, the Station Superintendent, Station Master, Chief Goods Superintendent/Chief Goods Clerk in collaboration with