

(b) whether the earth work thereon was formally started in February, 1974,

(c) the reasons why this work was stopped immediately after the death of former Railway Minister, and

(d) whether Government propose to get the work restarted soon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) to (d) The construction Sakri-Hasanpur new Railway line was included in the Budget for 1974-75 at an estimated cost of Rs 4.75 crores. This was inaugurated by the late Shri I. N. Mishra, the then Railway Minister. A symbolic start was also made on the earthwork immediately after the inauguration which could not be continued in the absence of the acceptance of the State Government of Bihar to bear the cost of land and earthwork amounting to Rs 1.38 crores. Construction work will be taken up as soon as the acceptance of the Bihar Government is received.

#### Abolition of Dining Cars in Railways

\*40 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN KAPPAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to abolish all the existing dining cars in the Railways, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

#### SC/ST employees in Northern Railway

123 SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees in the Northern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) The number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and their percentage to the total strength as on 30.9.1975 on the Northern Railway is given below

Class of service	Total number of employees	Scheduled Castes		Scheduled Tribes	
		No	%ge	No	%ge
I . . . . .	363	18	4.9		
II . . . . .	661	25	3.8		
III . . . . .	81573	8467	10.4	45	0.06
IV (excluding Safaiwalas)	105727	22606	21.4	813	0.8
IV (Safaiwalas)	12778	11680	91.4		