

ATTACK ON RAILWAY GUARDS ON THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RAILWAYS

5620. SHRI SHAMBU NATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Guard on the Southern Railway was brutally attacked and subsequently died in Railway Hospital Perambur on the 4th July, 1967 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Allahabad Division of the Northern Railway Guards, were attacked brutally; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to compensate such sufferers and to avoid such incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) There was only one case on Allahabad Division of Northern Railway in which a guard was assaulted on 15-3-1967.

(c) A sum of Rs. 10,000/- has been deposited by the Southern Railway with the Commissioner for Workmen's compensation for arranging payment to the family of the deceased guard.

The Guard on the Northern Railway has since been absorbed in an alternative category. The question of payment of compensation would be considered on receipt of police report.

Both the cases are under Police investigation.

Maintenance of Law and order in Railway premises and on Railway trains being the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the State Police have augmented the existing strength of Police escorts on the affected sections. As Railways are also vitally concerned, assistance of armed Railway Protection Force personnel is given to State Police whenever necessary.

RUNNING ALLOWANCE OF RAILWAY GUARDS

5621. SHRI SHAMBU NATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed with the J.C.M. to increase the travelling allowance by 25 per cent;

(b) if so, whether the Railway Guards will also get automatic 25 per cent increase

in their Running allowance simultaneously; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) In the J.C.M. Meeting held on 6th/7th November, 1967 Government side have stated that Government were prepared to concede increases, in Travelling Allowance, of the order of 25% over the present rates for the different slabs upto a ceiling of pay of Rs. 400/- p.m. In order to work out the details of applying this increase to different slabs, the matter has been remitted to a Committee which is examining the matter.

(b) and (c): The Committee which is already reviewing the rules and rates of Running Allowance is expected to take this aspect into consideration.

बम्बई डिब्रीजिंग में स्टेशनों को नये सिरे से बनाना

5622. श्री बलचन्त : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य रेलवे के बम्बई डिब्रीजिंग में 100 वर्ष पहले बने हुए स्टेशनों की संख्या तथा नाम क्या हैं; और

(ख) क्या यातायात में हो रही तेजी से वृद्धि को ध्यान में रखते हुए इन स्टेशनों को नये सिरे से बनाने का सरकार का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री च० म० पुनाचा) :

(क) मध्य रेलवे के बम्बई मण्डल में निम्नलिखित 11 स्टेशनों की इमारतें अब से 100 वर्ष या इससे और पहले बनायी गयीं थीं। 100 वर्षों से पहले जो अन्य स्टेशन खोले गये थे, उनकी इमारतों का बाद में समय समय पर आवश्यकतानुसार पुनर्निर्माण या नवीकरण किया गया।

- (1) बदलापुर, (2) नैरम, (3) पलसघरी, (4) कैलवली, (5) दोलवली, (6) लौंजी, (7) खोपोली, (8) खंडाला, (9) मलवली, (10) गेलरवाडी, (11) कसारा।