

(a) whether Project allowance to the Railway employees of Barauni-Harhara Project Area, for which the Railway employees went on strike in April, 1971, has since been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, an outline of the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). The question of the grant of Project allowance to the Railway staff working in Barauni Project area by the application of the basis provided by the Award of the Board of Arbitration has been examined. It has been held that the conditions laid down by the Board of Arbitration are not satisfied and as such the Railway staff working in the Project area are not entitled to the Project allowance

Posting of Conductor Guards on Express/Mail Trains (Southern Railway)

32. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Conductor Guards are posted on all Express and Mail trains on Southern Railway for helping the passengers; and

(b) if not, the trains on which they are not posted and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No

(b) Conductors have been provided on 12/11 Madras-Dadar Expresses only as it is not considered economical to provide Conductors on all other Mail and Express trains on the Southern Railway. The Guards of the trains, Travelling Ticket Examiners in the third class sleeper coaches and Attendants in corridor type first class coaches look after the needs and comforts of the passengers.

Cost of production of Wagons by private Manufactures in Railway Workshops

33. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :** Will

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with the private manufacturers of railways wagons in India;

(b) if so, for how many wagons and at what cost; and

(c) how the price of wagons paid to the private manufacturers compares with the cost incurred thereon in Railway Workshops.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes. Contracts for wagons against 1971-72 and 1972-73 Programmes have been placed on the Wagon Builders in the Private Sector.

(b) The number of wagons ordered and its value is given below .

Programme	Nos of Wagons Ordered (in terms of four wheelers)	Approx. Value of Order (in crores)
1971-72	6185.5	Rs. 14.73
1972-73	9141.5	Rs. 22.12

(c) The prices paid to the Private Wagon Builders for identical type of wagons approximately the same as the cost incurred in manufacturing Wagons in Railway Workshops.

Strike on Indian Railways

34. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of strikes which took place on the Indian Railways during the years 1969, 1970 and 1971;

(b) the places where they took place along with dates;

(c) whether break in service was imposed as a punishment on all the employees involved in the strikes; and