

Statement

| Station | Security Deposit | Tender Valuation |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| New Delhi | 16,510 | 1,65,105 |
| Delhi | 13,200 | 1,32,000 |
| Lucknow | 9,600 | 1,56,000 |
| Allahabad | 10,000 | 46,105.01 |
| Kanpur Central | 14,000 | 1,46,000 |
| Aligarh | 2,000 | 17,105.97 |
| Ludhiana | 3,200 | 1,27,120 |
| Ambala Cantt. | 5,600 | 56,000 |
| Moradabad | 1,890 | 18,880 |

Payment of Wages to Parcel Porters at Allahabad

5709. SHRI VINAYAK PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Station Porters' Cooperative Labour Contract Society Ltd., was paying daily wage rate of Rs. 3/50 to the Parcel Porters working at Allahabad during the year 1975 and as a result of agitation and protests made by the workers it increased the wages of workers to Rs. 4/- with effect from 1st September, 1976;

(b) whether increase in wage rate from Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4/- was intimated by the Society to the Railway Administration; and

(c) whether fines were imposed by Railway Authorities for deliberate failure on the part of Society to pay workers Rs. 5/50 which they were/are receiving from the Administration?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) The Society was previously paying the labour at the rate of Rs. 3.50 per day which was increased to Rs. 4/- with effect from 1st July, 1976.

(b) Yes.

(c) A fine of Rs. 100/- was imposed on the society in October, 1976 for failure to comply with Clauses 14 & 17 of the agreement pertaining to payment of Fair Wages and Hours of Employment Regulations, respectively.

Areas selected for oil drilling in Jammu and Kashmir

5710. SHRI BALDEV SINGH JASROTHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many areas are selected for oil drilling during the next two years in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) the parties in collaboration with whom the work will be undertaken with terms and conditions therefor; and

(c) how many drilling experiments have been made in Jammu and Kashmir state so far and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). At present no area has been selected for oil drilling during the next 2 years in Jammu and Kashmir State.

(c) Three wells have so far been drilling in the State, which have not shown any commercial hydrocarbon accumulation.

Trains between Shahdara and Baghpat Road

5711. SHRI MAHI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no day-time train between 4.55 A.M. to 6.45 P.M. from Shahdara to Baghpat Road and between 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. from Baghpat Road to Shahdara on a newly built Shahdara-Saharanpur Railway Line, which is at present functioning from Shahdara upto Baghpat Road station:

| 1DSB | 3DSB | 5DSB | | | 2DSB | 4DSB | 6DSB | |
|------|-------|-------|----|-----------------|------|------|-------|------|
| 4.55 | 18.45 | 23.05 | D. | Delhi-Shahdara. | A. | 8.50 | 22.40 | 4.20 |
| 6.40 | 20.30 | 00.50 | A. | Baghpat Road. | D | 7.05 | 20.55 | 2.35 |

The above 3 pairs of passenger trains running between Delhi Shahdara and Baghpat Road are considered by and large sufficient to cater to the needs of the passenger traffic on this section, particularly the commuters traffic. The introduction of an additional pair of passenger trains on this section is, however, not operationally feasible, for the present for want of crossing stations on this section.

(b) the reasons for not introducing day-time trains on this line and for introducing all the trains at odd hours;

(c) whether day-time trains are not being introduced by certain Officers to help the bus operators plying their buses on the road parallel to this line; and

(d) the time by which new day-time trains will be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDEVATE):

(a) to (d). Delhi-Shahdara-Baghpat Road section was opened for passenger traffic with effect from 8-4-77 when two pairs of trains were introduced on this section keeping in view the requirement of commuters of this area and operational feasibility. Subsequently on the demand of the public, one more pair of trains has been introduced on this section with effect from 10-6-77. Now three pairs of trains are running on this section as under:

Drilling operations at Gopinathkila in Meghalaya

5712. SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether drilling operations for oil at Gopinathkila in Meghalaya by Oil and Natural Gas Commission had been abandoned; if so, the reasons therefor; and