

से मूल्यांकन करने और उनके यथासम्भव समाधान के लिए एक छोटा सा दल का गठन करें और वे मंत्रालय के पास दृढ़ और ठोस सुझाव ले लें जिनमें सीमित समय और चरणबद्ध कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत कार्यान्वित किया जा सके।

Railway employees compulsorily retired during Emergency

1265. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU:
SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA
HALDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees, Zone-wise who were compulsorily retired during emergency period;

(b) the number of employees out of them who belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, categorywise i.e. Class I, II, III and IV;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for reinstatement of these employees; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drinking water facilities in long distance trains

1266. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide drinking water tank in each compartment in long distance trains; and

(b) if not, what alternative arrangements are proposed to provide drinking water for the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) In certain selected long distance

vestibuled trains with limited stoppages, this has been done.

(b) Adequate arrangements for supply of drinking water to passengers have been made at all railway stations. Apart from taps/hand pumps and water coolers at important stations, watermen are deployed to supply drinking water to passengers in trains as well as at platforms. Trolleys mounted with cool drinking water in 'Matkas' are also plied from one end of the train to the other to serve drinking water to passengers in compartments. In summer, special arrangements are made to augment the water supply by deploying additional watermen.

In addition, "In service" supply of water is being provided in certain selected long distance fully vestibuled trains with limited stoppages, like Karnataka-Kerala Express, Tamil Nadu Express, Mangalore/Cochin-Nizamuddin Jayanti Janata Express, Mangalore/Ernaculam-Bombay Janata Express etc. in which water containers/thermal urns are provided in all coaches, including second class sleeper coaches, filled with potable water. These containers are filled at stations en route. This arrangement provides the facility of drinking water for the passengers when the train is on the run.

The facilities for provision of drinking water are constantly reviewed and augmented as necessary.

अनुसूचित जातियों के व्यक्तियों को पेट्रोल पम्पों का आवंटन

1267. श्री ई वर चौधरी : क्या पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने अनुसूचित जातियों के लिए पेट्रोल पम्प आवंटित करने का कोई कोटा नियत किया है ; और