

Efficient System of Reservation

330. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that considerable inconvenience and harassment is caused to the genuine passengers wanting to travel by fast running long distance trains, for want of efficient system of reservation of accommodation; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):

(a) and (b). A few complaints of inconvenience and harassment to bonafide passengers wanting to travel by fast and long distance express trains have been received.

The following steps have been taken to provide a better reservation service to passengers:

(i) Efforts are made to reduce the gap between the demand and supply by introducing new trains, augmenting the loads of existing trains, extending their runs, increasing the frequency of weekly/bi-weekly trains and running holiday specials on important routes to clear the traffic.

(ii) The time-limit for advance reservation has been made six months at all stations and by all trains, to avoid blocking of accommodation by anti-social elements and providing a wider choice to bonafide passengers for planning rail journeys well in advance.

(iii) Reservation procedures and arrangements at important stations have been streamlined by opening additional booking windows, reservation counters, etc., to afford a better service to passengers.

(iv) Checks have been intensified with the help of anti-fraud squads,

Vigilance Organisation, G.R.P. and R.P.F. to detect anti-social elements and Railway staff indulging in malpractices regarding reservation. Strict action is taken against the defaulters to improve matters.

Supply of Wagons for Transportation of Coal

331. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons supplied by the Railways for transportation of coal during the last three months; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase the supply of wagons for carrying coal with a view to augmenting the production in coal-based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The average daily number of wagons loaded each month during July to September 1977 is given below:..

Month	Loading / Daily BG-4	—(Average figures in Wheeler)
July		10,000
August		9,472
September		9,964

(b) As the demands of the coal producers have been fully met, the question does not arise.

Ticketless Travelling on Northern Railway

332. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the raids conducted during the last three months to detect ticketless travelling on Northern Railway; and

(b) the amount realised from the ticketless passengers together with the expenditure incurred on such raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). During the period 1-7-1977 to 30-9-1977, 5,500 checks were conducted against ticketless travelling on Northern Railway. During this period 58,881 persons were detected travelling without tickets and a sum of Rs. 9.81 lakhs was realised as railway dues. Separate figures of the expenditure involved in the raids are not maintained.

Burdwan-Sahebganj Passenger Train Accident

333. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that at least 40 people including five women and three railway employees were injured and taken to hospital at Rampurhat and Nalhati following a collision between a Burdwan-Sahebganj passenger train and a goods train on the 14th October, 1977; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes. In this accident 7 persons sustained grievous injuries and 10 simple injuries. In addition 31 persons sustained trivial injuries like abrasions, bruises etc.

(b) On 14-10-1977, at about 20,23 hours while No. 325 Up Burdwan-Sahibganj Passenger train was approaching Nalhati station, it collided with Up Diesel Crack goods train No. 383 which had just started from the Outer signal of Nalhati station.

An inquiry has been ordered to investigate the causes of this accident.

Railway Line from Damoh to Banda

334. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4907 on 26th July, 1977 regarding new railway line from Damoh to Banda and state:

(a) what steps are being taken to provide funds for construction of railway line from Damoh to Banda in the next two years; and

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). As already stated in reply to earlier Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4907 answered on 26-7-1977, no survey for a rail link between Damoh and Banda has been carried out in the recent past and it will not be possible to consider its construction because of constraint on resources.

परिवार कल्याण विभाग के कर्मचारियों के लिए पदोन्नति के अवसर

335. श्री हरगोविन्द बर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे में परिवार कल्याण विभाग में काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों के लिए अन्य रेलवे कर्मचारियों की भांति पदोन्नति के अवसर उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) और (ख) रेलों पर परिवार कल्याण संगठन एक अस्थायी संगठन है जिसका खर्च स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय द्वारा किया जाता है। पदों को वर्षानुवर्ष बढ़ाया जाता है। इस