

Petition from All India Train Controllers Association Vijayawada Branch

396. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Train Controllers Association Vijayawada Branch submitted a petition to him on the 16th July, 1977; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) In accordance with Government's policy, staff representations received from any source are given due consideration and such action as is necessary taken. The demands of all categories of staff, including Train Controllers, are considered and solved through the various tiers of the collective bargaining machinery—the Permanent Negotiating Machinery and the Joint Consultative Machinery.

Remodelling Plan for Sealdah Station

397. SHRI M. A. HANNAN ALHAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the re-modelling plan for Sealdah station has been abandoned;

(b) if not, details of the plan for remodelling Sealdah station and the work done up-to-date; and

(c) details of the amenities for passengers provided upto-date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). The re-modelling of Sealdah station mainly covers the following works:—

(i) Raising and extension of the platforms.

(ii) Construction of an R.M.S. Office building.

(iii) Construction of a new station building (Multi-storeyed).

(iv) A double storeyed building to the north of the new station building containing certain passenger facilities.

(v) Covering the gap between the new building and platform shelters.

(vi) Dismantling of the old station building between Platforms 4A and 5A etc.

Out of the above, R.M.S. building and raising/extension of the platforms have been completed as planned. The new station building has also been completed in which facilities such as Booking Office, Parcel Office, Luggage Office, Concourse, Tea Stalls, Book Stalls A. S. Ms. Office, Lavatories etc. are provided in the ground floor.

In the Mezzanine floor, Booking Office for sale of season tickets, Cafeteria, Waiting Room etc. are located. The first floor provides offices, retiring rooms etc. but the retiring rooms have not yet been opened.

Construction of a double storeyed building to the North of New Station Building is also in progress and will provide for left luggage office and other facilities. The work of covering the open space between the station building and the platforms, is in progress.

Calcutta Metropolitan Railways

398. SHRI M. A. HANNAN ALHAJ: SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) details of the work done up-to-date in Calcutta Metropolitan Railways;

(b) total amount spent up-to-date and the percentage of work completed; and