

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of two years. It may also submit interim reports as may be necessary and as desired by Government.

Unmanned Level Crossings

2868. SHRI PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not true that all the level crossings between Khandwa and Tallulthal railway stations on Central Railway are unmanned;

(b) whether it is not also a fact that all these level crossings are closed for twenty-four hours and therefore the traffic is closed and as such the road traffic is put to severe difficulty; and

(c) if so, whether the Railway Ministry will consider to man these level crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No. There are 11 manned level crossings between Khandwa and Tukalthad.

(b) No. The manned level crossings are opened to road traffic as and when required after the passage of trains. Unmanned level crossings remain always open to the road traffic as they have no gates or barriers.

(c) Does not arise.

Paucity of Trains between Burhanpur and Bhopal

2869. SHRI PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to paucity of trains between Burhanpur and Bhopal on Central Railway, the inhabitants of Nepanagar, Bid and Harsud have no other train except Amritsar Express for Bhopal; and

(b) if so, whether the Railway Ministry is thinking to introduce a new train from Bhusaval to New Delhi which will increase the travelling facilities of the large population of the State of M.P.?

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

For passengers travelling between Nepanagar/Bir/Harsud and Bhopal, Nos. 57Dn/58UP Dadar Amritsar Expresses provide a direct service. This apart these passengers can also avail of connected services with a change at Atarsi according to their individual convenience.

(b) Introduction of an additional train between Bhusaval and New Delhi is not at present operationally feasible for want of spare line capacity on sections enroute and requisite terminal facilities at New Delhi/Delhi.

Problems raised by two Recognised Unions

2870. SHRI SHIV NARAIN SARSONIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of problems raised by the two recognised unions of Railwaymen i.e. A.I.R.F. and N.F.I.R. in the P.N.M. meetings held since March, 1977, separately at the National (Railway Ministry), Zonal and Divisional levels;

(b) how many of the problems out of (a) above related to the S.Cs. and S.Ts.;

(c) in how many cases out of (b) above, the requests of S.Cs. and S.Ts. have been decided—decisions taken; and

(d) in how many cases out of (c) above the decisions went in favour of the S.Cs. and S.Ts.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (d). Information is being collected