

**Estimators of Civil Engineering Department of South Eastern Railway**

7242 **SHRI SHYAMA PRASANNA BHATTACHARYA** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) why the Estimators of Civil Engineering Department of South Eastern Railway are not yet confirmed even after rendering twelve to fourteen years service and availability of permanent posts

(b) why the posts of estimatory draftsmen and tracers in civil engineering department of South Eastern Railway are lying vacant since long thereby increasing workload on the existing staff, and

(c) when the posts are expected to be filled up?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN)** (a) Confirmation of staff depends on a number of factors. Confirmation against available vacancies was last made in March 1977. Due to non-availability of lien-free posts all the staff at present working as Estimators could not be confirmed as yet even though they have rendered a long period of service.

(b) and (c) No posts of Junior Draftsmen, Junior Estimators and Tracers of Civil Engg Department of the South Eastern Railway are lying vacant. As regards the higher grade posts, the same could not be filled as the Drawing Offices of the Civil Engineering Department on the Railway are already over staffed. An overall review of the cadre has since been conducted and the matter is now under review by the Railway. Meanwhile selections and suitability tests for filling up the posts earmarked for promotion are under process and the same are expected to be finalised shortly.

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**Strength of Railway Employees in Nagpur, etc. Divisions**

7243 **SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) what was the total strength of Railway employees in different categories over Bhusawal, Bombay, Jabalpur, Jhansi and Nagpur Divisions of Central Railway including Workshops, Constructions and Railway electrification during the year 1972 and up to 31st December, 1977,

(b) what is the total number of employees in different categories in all divisions over Central Railway who were recruited or promoted during each year and what is the total number amongst them who belongs to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and others (list of SC & ST employees be furnished), and

(c) what steps have been taken to make good the shortfall in all categories in the divisions of Central Railway mentioned in (a) above for the reserved vacancies earmarked for SC and ST through direct recruitment and promotions?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN)** (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Strength of Railway Employees in Asansol etc Divisions**

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(a) what was the total strength of Railway employees in different categories over Asansol, Sealdah, Calcutta Coal Tpt Dhanbad, Danapur, Howrah and Mughal Sarai Divisions, of Eastern Railway includ-