

[English]

Linking of Broad Gauge Line, Bhiwadi

1463. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a new Broad gauge line from Bhiwadi to link it with Jaipur-Delhi-Ahmedabad Broad Gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action contemplated by the Union Government to finalise the same; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the time by which the work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). A survey for the proposed line from Khurja-Palwal-Rewari-Rohtak line via Bhiwadi, which would link Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad line at Rewari has been completed. The report would be sent to Planning Commission once the project appraisal has been completed.

[Translation]

Telephone Facility at Purniya Station

1464. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the telephone facility to get information regarding arrival and departure of train and reservations at Purniya Junction and Purniya Court station is not available;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide this facility on the above stations;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). A P & T phone for the purpose of enquiry is already available at Purniya station. However, there is no justification to provide this facility at Purniya Court station.

Reservation for SCs/STs in Railways

1465. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in the Ministry of Railways; and

(b) the action being taken to fill them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). As per Department of Personnel and Training's directives, a Special Recruitment Drive had been launched during the year 1995 to wipe out the shortfall of vacancies reserved for SC/STs existing on 1.4.95 through direct recruitment. The shortfall identified in the Special Recruitment Drive as on 1.4.95 vis-a-vis cleared as on 31.3.96 and balance of shortfall is detailed below :-

Particular	Group 'C'		Group 'D'	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
Identified as on 1.4.95 for filling up by direct recruitment.	361	431	528	990
Cleared as on 31.3.96	306	324	58	808
Balance of shortfall	55	107	470	182

For clearing the balance shortfall and the shortfall as on 30.6.96, another Special Recruitment Drive has been launched from 15.7.96 to be completed by 31.3.97.

[English]

Out Agency

1466. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Out Agency for Kuttipuram Station at Ponnani (Southern Railway, District Malappuram) is not functioning;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to re-start the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Out Agency at Ponnani was closed w.e.f. 7.6.96 temporarily as the Contractor of this agency had abandoned it without any prior notice. However, the Southern Railway administration is taking steps to restart the agency through calling of fresh tenders.

[Translation]

Railway Colony Danapur

1467. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the want of repair of quarters the Railway Colony of Danapur is in a bad shape;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and