

Rs. 8.97 lakhs in 1980-81 and as a result 3.5 kms of new roads are expected to be constructed during 1980-81.

In their proposals for the 1980-85 Plan, the Lakshadweep Administration have proposed an outlay of Rs. 54.62 lakhs for road development which includes Rs. 44.62 lakhs for the construction of rural roads and Rs. 10 lakhs for the procurement of a mechanised sailing vessel for speedy transport of road materials from the mainland. The 6th Plan proposals have, however, not yet been finalized.

#### Selection by Railway Service Commission

484. SRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preference is given to the sons and daughters (married/unmarried) of Railway Employees (serving/retired) when selection is made by Railway Service Commission for Group III and Group IV posts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Setting up of Standing Voluntary Help Committee

485. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any standing voluntary help committee for Railways to check ticketless travel and passenger amenities etc.;

(b) if so, how many such committees have been constituted in Southern Railway; and

(c) whether any rules have been framed and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) No such committee have been constituted on Southern Railway.

(c) No rules as such have been framed. Functions assigned to the Standing Voluntary Help Committee are indicated in the statement attached.

#### Statement

The following functions have been assigned to the Standing Voluntary Help Committee:—

- (i) Checkig of ticketless travel and unauthorised alarm chain pulling;
- (ii) To check cleanliness at the Railway Stations;
- (iii) To check other passenger amenities like drinking water at railway stations and in running trains;
- (iv) To chck up catering and vending arrangements—both departmental and private contractors;
- (v) To prevent theft and pilferage involving loss of railway revenues; and
- (vi) To listen to the grievances of the general public regarding Railways.

#### पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में हॉल्ट स्टेशन

486. श्री राम सिंह शाह्य : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में हॉल्ट स्टेशनों की कुल संख्या कितनी है तथा उनके नाम क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार नन्द निलगुनिया शेरपट तथा भुनेश्वर नगर हॉल्ट स्टेशनों को पूर्ण स्टेशनों के रूप में बदलने का है ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक; और