

(4) The question of revision of medical standards is still under consideration.

(5) The Committee recommended annual recruitment of 600 in Deck and Engine Room and 200 in Saloon Department. This is being implemented.

(6) At present trainees passing out from Training Ship 'Naulakshi' and T.S. 'Mekhala' are apportioned for employment at Bombay Port while trainees at T.S. 'Bhadra' are allotted for Calcutta.

(7) The "One Call System" is being enforced as recommended by the Committee.

(8) Fresh recruitment for Home Trade does not take place as the existing Maritime Labour Force is more than sufficient to meet the needs.

(9) The retirement age of 60 is being enforced.

(10) Manning scale is decided by mutual consultations between the ship-owners and seafarers union and so far no specific manning scale could be prescribed as it varies from ship to ship.

Improvement of 31 UP/32 DN Jayanti Janta Express

757. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 28th April, 1981, describing 31 Up/32 Dn Jayanti Janata Express connecting Delhi with Ahmedabad as a virtual death trap and a ghost train being in a state of total neglect and unfit for carrying human beings; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to remove the numerous

shortcomings of the train pointed out in the news item to make it worth travelling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The facilities for maintenance of the rake of 31 Up/32 Dn at Delhi were being extended and augmented and during the period of construction, the facilities got dislocated and the rake could not be maintained to the desired level. The construction activities have now been completed. The maintenance facilities have been restored to full working and the rakes are now being maintained properly.

Appointments with Medical Specialist in Dr. R. M. Lohia Hospital

758. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients referred by Central Government Health Scheme Dispensary, Shaktinagar, Delhi to Medical Specialist of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital visiting the dispensary weekly, have to wait for more than one month to get an appointment.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that patients do not have to wait for more than a week to get such an appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No complaints have been received in this regard.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.