

Overbridge at Siliguri

1966. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of actions taken to meet the longstanding demands of the people of North Eastern region for:

(a) Road overbridge at Siliguri Town, Alipurduar (Assam gali), Kamakhyaguri, Algoan level crossing and Panchgram;

(b) Broad Gauge conversion from Gauhati to Dibrugarh via Tinsukia and by what time this will be completed and whether Broad Gauge Conversion of Barauni-Katihar section will be completed by the end of 1982; and

(c) increasing the reservation quota for long distance train for New Alipurduar.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Application from retired personnel for financial relief

1967. SHRI S. MURUGAIN:

SHRI CHATURBHUIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vide Railway Board letter No. F. (3) iii-77-PF-78, dated 20.9.1981, had applications for some financial relief in prescribed forms were invited from such persons who had retired from Railway service between 1-4-1967 and 31-3-1980; and have taken their provident fund in full;

(b) if so, how many applications were received by the Central/Western Railway retired employees;

(c) what action Government has taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking any action, and when the same is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No. Even though no applications were invited from the retired Railway employees, 247 applications from the ex-employees of Central Railway and 20 applications from the ex-employees of Western Railway have been received so far requesting for some *ad-hoc* relief.

(c) and (d). The demand to grant some *ad-hoc* relief to the Railway employees who have retired on or after 1.4.57 under Contributory Provident Fund Scheme is currently under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Village-Health Guide Scheme

1968. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been substantial improvement in the Family Planning Programme this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn up village health guide scheme to spread the family planning messages in rural area; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). Yes. During the current year up to October, 1981 the number of sterilisations and IUD insertions performed were 11 lakhs and 3.4 lakhs respectively registering an increase of 16.3 per cent and 12.1 per cent respectively over the performance in the corresponding period of 1980-81.

(c) and (d). Under the Village Health Guide Scheme which will now be