

Eastern Railway, are overburdened due to heavy workload; and

(b) if so, what is the yardstick of workload for Accounts Clerks in P. F. Sections of the Headquarters of the Indian Railways as well as of Divisional Offices?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) No.

(b) No uniform yardstick of workload for the Accounts Clerks in the P.F. Section has been prescribed by the Railway Board. However, several Railways have fixed their own yardsticks which vary from 700 to 1300 P.F. Accounts per Accounts Clerks.

Charter of Demands by Association of Permanent Way Inspectors and Assistant Permanent Way Inspectors on Eastern and South Eastern Railways

5358. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a charter of demands had been presented to the Prime Minister on the 7th April, 1970 by the Association of the Permanent Way Inspectors and Assistant Permanent Way Inspectors working on the Eastern and South Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the decision taken on the demand to relieve such employees from their non-technical duties to pay required attention to track maintenance works?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The demands mainly related to the following:—

- (i) revision of the scales of pay and upgrading of Permanent Way Inspectors, and
- (ii) provision of relief to Permanent Way Staff from stores responsibility.

As regards revision of the scales of pay, a Pay Commission has already been set up who will, no doubt, look into the scales of pay and service conditions of all the categories of staff including the Permanent Way Staff.

As regards relief from stores responsibility, almost all Permanent Way Inspectors on South Eastern Railway have been relieved of the responsibility for the stores at their headquarters. Provision of relief to Permanent Way Inspectors on Eastern Railway is being actively pursued.

बरास्ता पटना चलने वाली डी-लक्स गाड़ी से सम्बद्ध भोजन-यान

5359. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बरास्ता पटना चलने वाली डी-लक्स गाड़ी के साथ सम्बद्ध भोजन यान बहुत छोटा है;

(ख) क्या उसके परिणामस्वरूप यात्रियों को कठिनाइयां होती हैं;

(ग) क्या कुछ संसद सदस्यों ने अनुरोध किया है कि उक्त गाड़ी के साथ वर्तमान भोजन यान के स्थान पर बड़ा भोजन-यान लगाया जाय; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) कुछ कठिनाइयों के बारे में रिपोर्ट मिली है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) वर्तमान भोजन-यान के स्थान पर बड़ा भोजन-यान लगाने का प्रबन्ध किया जा रहा है ।

Seniority of Officers in Junior Administrative Grade

5360. SHRI V. N. P. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion from Senior Scale to Junior Administrative Grade is on all India basis or individual Railway-wise;

(b) what is the basis for determining the