

(b) whether the staff for maintenance has been posted according to the sanctioned strength?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b). The three route relay interlocking installations after their commissioning are being maintained by the Construction staff as certain small residual works are being executed. Proposals for extra staff for maintenance of these installations are being finalised by the Railway Administration.

Recruitment of Agricultural Engineering Graduates as Management trainees by F.C.I.

4852. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Corporation recruits a number of Management/Technical trainees every year;

(b) the number of such trainees recruited during the last three years and the methods of recruitment;

(c) whether the Agricultural Engineering Graduates were recruited by the Fertilizer Corporation as management trainees during the last three years for services connected with agricultural machinery and tools; and

(d) if so, the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes among them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Justification for reservation quota for Railway Officers

4853. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of heavy demand and long waiting list for accommodation by the principal Mail and

Express trains in the country both UP and DN. such as G. T. Southern Express, Calcutta Mail, Bombay Mail, Frontier Mail and others, any quota has been reserved for Railway Officers travelling on privilege passes/P.T.Os in ACC, First Class and Third Class; and

(b) if so, the number of seats reserved in each of the principal mail and express trains, if not, the reasons therefor when passengers who pay are unable to get accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) No.

(b) No preferential treatment is given to the pass holders in the matter of reservation.

Wagons supplied to M/s. Rajgaon Store Co. (P) Limited at Rajgram Station (Eastern Railway)

4854. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of empty wagons supplied during the last three years (year-wise) to M/s. Rajgaon Store Co. (P) Limited at Rajgram station (Eastern Railway);

(b) whether the supply of wagons is in accordance with the agreement between the management and the Railways; and

(c) whether the supply of empty wagons has decreased and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) 4527 wagons in 1970, 2677 in 1971 and 2275 in 1972 (upto 30th November).

(b) The agreement between the Management and the Railways does not stipulate the number of wagons to be supplied daily to them.

(c) Yes. The overall wagon availability has been badly affected on account of bad law and order situation in West Bengal for the last two