

**Demonstration at Talandu Station
(E. Railway)**

**4930. Shri Panna Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the train services on the Howrah division of the Eastern Railway were badly disrupted for about eight hours on the 19th April, 1966 following a squatting demonstration on the track by a section of passengers at Talandu Station;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Due to No. M138 Dn. Burdwan-Howrah Local being detained at Talandu station after its arrival there at 08-48 hrs. owing to the section ahead being blocked due to an accident caused by the parting of a goods train between Talandu and Magra.

(c) Squatting by the passengers resulted in suspension of train services on Bandel-Burdwan section. Civil and police authorities were immediately apprised. Long distance services scheduled to run on this section were diverted via Howrah-Burdwan chord. Normal services were resumed at 16-47 hours after the track was cleared by the passengers.

P.W.Is.

**4931. Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalaya:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the selection for the post of P.W.Is. was held in July, 1965, on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, when the result is going to be declared; and

(c) the number of vacancies and the posts reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The proceedings of the selection board can not be finalised as the High Court, Jodhpur has issued a stay order. Consequently the question of declaring the result does not arise.

(c) At present there are 10 vacancies but a panel of 25 is to be formed taking into account anticipated vacancies for two years. The quota reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is 6.

P.W.Is. and I.O.Ws.

**4932. Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalaya:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grade selections have not been held in the recent past in the Northern Railway for the posts of P.W.Is. and I.O.Ws. in Class III;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when such selections are proposed to be held?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Panel for I.O.Ws. is already available. As regards P.W.Is. the selection for the grade of Rs. 250-380 (AS) was initiated in July, 1965 but could not be finalised as a result of stay order from the High Court, Jodhpur.