

(b) The hierarchical pattern of Railways is different from that of C.H.S. It is not possible to change the existing pattern exclusively for the Medical Department.

Compensation to Railway Doctors in lieu of Working on Gazetted Holidays

4893. SHRI MASURIYA DIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Officers including the Railway Doctors are entitled to only 12 days casual leave ;

(b) whether only the Railway Officers have more or less-off from routine work on Second Saturdays, Sundays and Gazetted holidays and can also avail them as holidays ; and

(c) if so, the reasons why the Railways Doctors are not treated the same way as other Railway Officers in respect of the holidays mentioned in part (b) above.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a). Yes.

(b) and (c). The Railway officers including doctors are entitled to holidays on Second Saturdays, Sundays and other Gazetted holidays, subject to exigencies of work. They are not entitled to any compensation for working on Sundays and other holidays when required.

Re-organisation of Cadres of Assistant Surgeons and Old A.M.Os. on the Pattern of C.H.S.

4894. SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present unbalanced cadre in the Railway Doctors case—resulting in stagnation in the base-cadre is due to the fact that in the categories of Assistant Surgeon and old AMO prior to 1st January, 1966 were re-organised on the 1st January, 1966 by merging those categories into one category called AMO ;

(b) whether the corresponding categories in the C.H.S. i.e. category of Assistant Surgeon and Junior Staff Surgeon were on the other hand re-organised into three cadres called G.D.M.O. Gr. II, G.D.M.O. Gr. I and Specialist Cadre ; and

(c) if so, the reasons why in the Railways the categories of Assistant Surgeon and old A.M.Os. were also not reorganised into the three cadres on the lines of the C.H.S. ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a) Prior to 1.1.1966 Doctors possessing Degree qualifications were being recruited as Assistant Surgeons in the non-gazetted cadre. It was decided to liberalise grades and service conditions of the Medical Graduates and the posts of Assistant Surgeons held by Medical Graduates were upgraded as Assistant Medical Officers Class II from 1.1.1966.

(b) In the C.H.S. there are General Duty Doctors, Grade II and Grade I and a cadre of Specialists.

(c) The organisational pattern of hierarchical structure of Railway Services is different from that in the C.H.S.

Selection of Stenographers on Railways for Higher Grade

4895. SHRI VIDYA DHAR BAJPAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4310 on the 25th March, 1969 regarding selection of stenographers for Higher Grade and state whether in the two selections for the post of Stenographers grade Rs.210—425 held in Headquarters Office of the Northern Railway in 1967 and 1969, all the posts applied for were taken into consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): All the existing and anticipated vacancies in the category of Stenographers in scale Rs.210—425, calculated as per prescribed rules, were taken into consideration in conducting the two selections held in 1967 and 1969.