

*[English]***Shortage of Staff**

808. SHRI S.S. OWAISI :
SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of ticket checking and catering staff in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to recruit staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :
(a) to (c) The assessment of requirement of Ticket Checking and Catering Staff and creation of posts to meet the requirement is a continuing process, and 270 posts (Eastern Railway—135, Northern Railway—135) of Ticket Checking Staff have been created in the recent past.

Jawahar Rojgar Yojana

809. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints about the indifferent attitude of the Banks in disposal of applications under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Banks are not involved in the implementation of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana.

Tunnel Across Calicut

810. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request for construction of a Tunnel Road across Calicut

Airport runway on Tirurangadi-Kondotty main road in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The request is being examined.

Recruitment of Sportspersons

811. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway recruits sportspersons under the Sports Quota Scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Northern Railway had made selection for Boxing under said quota during 1997-98;

(c) if so, whether all the persons selected have since been appointed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the names of persons selected for appointment under the Sports quota in 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :
(a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Out of 118 sportspersons appointed in different games, during the year 1997-98, on Northern Railway, the names of boxers are as under:

1. Shri Ajay Kumar Sangwan
2. Shri Lakhwinder Singh.

Prices of Quarters of Slum

812. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have in the recent past reduced the prices of quarters which were allotted under the scheme to grant permanent lease-hold rights to allottees/occupants of slum tenants in Delhi?