

(a) whether there is only one counter to cater to the needs of thousands of people for purchase of platform tickets at the New Delhi Railway Station as a result of which they are put to great inconvenience by standing in queue for longer hours; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase such counters for the convenience of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. Platform tickets are issued from four counters at New Delhi Railway Station.

(b) Does not arise.

Malda-New Jalpaiguri Railway Line

4089. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the on going double line project from Malda to New Jalpaiguri has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to resume the work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Stoppage of Express Trains at Raniganj

4090. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide stoppage of Kalka Mail, A.C. Express and Chambal Express at Raniganj;

(b) if so, details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Lack of commercial justification.

Manufacture of Locomotives at CLW

4091. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacture of WDS4 and ZDM5 locomotives at CLW has been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It has been decided to stop the production of WDS-4 and ZDM-5 at CLW with effect from 1993-94 onwards.

(b) Electric Locomotives are required in larger numbers due to increased emphasis on electrification and, therefore, it has been decided that facilities available at Chittaranjan Locomotives Works, which is the only major unit manufacturing electric locomotives in Railway Sector, should be utilized first for the manufacture of electric locomotives.