

*[English]***Reputation of Armed Forces**

404. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether our Army's reputation as a disciplined force has not been satisfactory as a series of incidents in which the jawans had gone berserk and assaulted civilians, including the police, in recent months particularly in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). It is not correct to say that reputation of the Army as a disciplined force has not been satisfactory. Between July-October 1995, four incidents involving allegations and counter-allegations by the Army personnel and civilians including police personnel in West Benal have been reported. In one case the aggrieved Army Officer has filed an F.I.R. an in another case, F.I.R. has been filed by the concerned Army Authorities. The remaining two cases are being investigated by the Army authorities.

Broad Gauge Train

405. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government from some Members of Parliament regarding flag off broad gauge train from Darbhanga ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). Some representations have been received from various quarters including those from hon'ble Members for introduction of broad gauge trains from Darbhanga.

(c) Introduction of broad gauge trains from Darbhanga will be finalised after completion of the gauge conversion works as well as development of maintenance facilities at Darbhanga.

Halt at Ganj Basoda

406. SHRI RAM BADAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Express Trains for which requests have been received for providing their halt at Ganj Basoda Railway Station ; and

(b) the names of the trains which are likely to be provided halt at this station during the current and the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Demands have been received to provide the stoppage of 1077 / 1078 Jhalum Express and 1171 / 1172 Shipra Express at Ganj Basoda station.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to provide the stoppage of any additional train at Ganj Basoda station.

Irregularities in Western Railway

407. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaints have been received against railway officials in various Divisions of the Western Railway regarding corruption, illegal activities, misbehaviour and misappropriation of funds between March, 1995 to October, 1995; and

(b) if so, the details of inquiries conducted and administrative action taken on such complaints during that period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Yes, Sir. 768 complaints were received during the period.