

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The present level of traffic is being adequately catered to by 4 pairs of passenger trains and 12 pairs of Mail/Express trains including 2311/2312 Kalka Mail whose stoppage was provided at Firozabad w.e.f. 15.2.91.

(c) to (e). At present only second class reservation quota is available at Firozabad which is generally adequate to meet the existing level of demand. Due to meagre demand, there is no proposal to allot upper class quota at Firozabad.

Electrification of Delhi-Ambala Route

2846. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to electrify Delhi-Ambala railway line; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Electrification of Delhi-Ambala section has been included in Railway Budget for 1991-92 as a new work. It is likely to be completed in 1995-96 subject to availability of funds.

Reservation Quota for Various Stations in Gujarat

2847. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation quota for Delhi and Bombay has been fixed at Dholka, Dhandhuka, Bavla, Botad, Viramgam railway stations in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the extent of the quota fixed for each station; and

(c) if not, the time by which the quota will be made available there and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Reservatic quotas are available at stations other than Bavla.

(b) The following reservation quotas are available at Dholka, Dhandhuka, Botad and Viramgam Stations:

| Name of the Station/Train | Class | | Direction |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | AC 2-tier | Ind | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| <i>Dholka</i> | | | |
| 9008 Ahmedabad-Janata Express | — | 2 | Bombay |
| 9932 Aravalli express | — | 1 | Delhi |
| <i>Dhandhuka</i> | | | |
| 9008 Ahmedabad Janata Express | — | 4 | Bombay |
| 9932 Aravalli Express | — | 1 | Delhi |
| <i>Botad</i> | | | |
| 9002 Gujarat Mail | — | 1 | Bombay |
| 9008 Ahmedabad Janata Express | — | 3 | Bombay |
| 9006 Saurashtra Mail | — | 4 | Bombay |
| 2997 Hapa-Jammu Tawi Express | — | 2 | Delhi |

| Name of the Station/Train | Class | | Direction |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | AC 2-tier | Ind | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| <i>Virangam</i> | | | |
| 9032 Kutch Express | — | 2 | Bombay |
| 9018 Saurashtra Japata Express | — | 14 | Bomabay |
| 9006 Saurashtra Mail | 2 | 7 | Bomabay |
| 2981 Sarvodaya Express | — | 2 | Delhi |

(c) There is no proposal at present to allot reservation quota at Bavla Station, due to meagre traffic offering.

[English]

Departure Time of Karnataka Express

2848. SHRIC. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the departure time of Karnataka Express from New Delhi is most inconvenient to the passengers;

(b) whether the Government have received representations from the State and public in general for changing the departure time of this train; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There have been some demands in the past for change in the departure timings of 2627/2628 Karnataka Express ex. New Delhi.

(c) Presently not feasible due to operational exigencies.

Conversion of Purulia Kotshila Line

2849. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that update survey has been completed for the conversion of Purulia-Kotshila narrow gauge line

into broad gauge on the South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take up the work during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Charging of higher fare by Indian Airlines

2850. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is a member of the International Air Transport Association;

(b) whether the passenger fare of the Indian Airlines is determined as per norms set out by the International Air Transport Association;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines is charging higher fare on domestic sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only international fares and fare levels are determined in International Air Transport Association forums. Domestic fares do not come within the purview of International Air Transport Association.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.