

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No information of any gang operating in and around Delhi are evading freight apart from Sales Tax has come to the notice of the Railway.

(c) and (d). During surprise checks on unbooked luggage, conducted in association with the Sales Tax Authorities of Delhi, U.P. and Haryana States during the period July to October, 1996, Railway dues amounting to Rs. 55.56 lakhs were realised and 660 packages weighing about 370 Qtls. were confiscated by the Zonal Railway. Sales Tax Authorities have withheld certain packages of consignment and also stopped delivery of 15 wagons for realisation of their dues from the Traders.

(e) Railways have intensified checks against carriage of unbooked luggage in trains.

#### Change of Location of HPT in Gujarat

959. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI  
CHIKHALIA :  
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :  
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2473 on August 1, 1996 regarding expansion of TV transmitters in Gujarat and state :

(a) whether a request from the State Government of Gujarat regarding change of location of HPT, Dwarka is pending with the Union Government since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). A new site for locating the High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Dwarka in Gujarat has since been taken over. The project is expected to be completed in about 8 years time, after approval by the competent authority, subject to availability of funds infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities

[Translation]

#### Mass Rail Facilities in Jabalpur

960. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nagrik Manch, Jabalpur has submitted a demand letter for mass rail facilities;

(b) if so, the details of the demands;

(c) whether the Government have rejected their demands;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

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

(b) (1) Introduction of a superfast train between Jabalpur and Delhi to cover the distance between Jabalpur and Delhi within 12 hrs.

(2) Attachment of A.C. first class in Nizamuddin-Jabalpur/Nagpur/Bilaspur Gondwana Express between Jabalpur and Hazrat Nizamuddin.

(c) to (e). Both the demands have been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

#### Rail Link with North-Eastern States

961. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities of the north eastern States connected with rail;

(b) the number of cities proposed to be connected with rail in future;

(c) whether there is any proposal to connect Jaipur with rail directly with the north-eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Twelve important cities of the North Eastern States which are connected by rail are :

Guwahati, Naugaon, Jorhat, Tinsukhia, Dibrugarh, Tejpur, Mariani, Lumding Rangia, Silchar Town and Moranhat.

(b) A rail link to Agartala has been taken up Goalpara and Depa would also get connected by rail once the Jogighopa-Guwahati line gets completed in 1998-99.

(c) There is no such proposal at present

(d) Does not arise

[English]

#### Re-Employment in Public Sector Units

962. DR. ASIM BALA :  
PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS :  
SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY :  
SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had issued directions to its

various public sector units not to extend the services of their employees due for superannuation and not to re-employ their retired employees:

(b) if so, when and the details thereof:

(c) whether all the public sector units under the control of his Ministry have been following the above directions:

(d) if not, the details of the units which have violated the above directions; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has issued instructions to the Public Sector Units under it for not extending the services of retiring officers and not to re-employ retired officers

(c) to (e) None of the PSUs has extended the services of retiring officers after the issue of these instructions. Generally, the PSUs under this Ministry are following the extant instructions on re-employment issued both by the Ministry and the Deptt. of Public Enterprises. However, some of the PSUs are required to re-employ retired personnel selectively and under very special and compelling circumstances as under :

- (i) Railway officers are not easily available/ forthcoming for deputation
- (ii) Projects in remote and difficult areas do not attract proper persons of requisite expertise
- (iii) To meet the immediate and short term needs of Public Sector Enterprises
- (iv) To maintain the continuity of incumbant on on-going projects essential for their successful completion

#### Post Offices in Allahabad

963 DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices opened and proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Allahabad alongwith their locations during the current plan period, and

(b) the amount earmarked therefor during 1994-95, 1995-96 and for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 113 post offices have been opened and 35 more are proposed to be opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the current plan. In Allahabad District alone 20 post offices were opened and 2 more are proposed to be opened. The number and locations of post offices, opened in the district of Allahabad, are given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(b) The year-wise amount earmarked for opening of Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh is as follows :

Year	Amount
1994-95	Rs 59.00 Lakhs
1995-96	Rs 99.50 Lakhs
1996-97	Rs 65.00 Lakhs

#### STATEMENT

*Number and Location of Post Offices Opened and Proposed to be Opened in Allahabad District during the Current Plan :*

Number and location of Post Offices opened so far	Number and location of Post Offices proposed to be opened
1. Ranipur	1. Boond
2. Bomapur	2. Shukulpur
3. Bigahia	
4. Aura	
5. Osa	
6. Baraha Kalan	
7. Ikauta	
8. Jawania	
9. Bhagesar	
10. Lilapur	
11. Pure Kanta	
12. Nebi Bari	
13. Aladadpur	
14. Sikanderpur	
15. Pure Ghasi	
16. Buir	
17. Medua	
18. Chhatnag Ashram	
19. Mahjana	
20. Bajaha Majra-Lohra Nagar	

#### Relay Centres in Maharashtra

964 SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places where TV relay centres have been set up in Maharashtra at present location-wise.

(b) the expenditure incurred on each of the above relay centres during each of the last three years:

(c) the number of relay centres out of them are not functioning properly:

(d) the details of the steps taken to improve their functioning: and