

traffic facility works are planned to meet target of the Eighth Plan.

Battery Powered Loco

5316. DR. RAMESHCHANDTOMAR:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a trial test of the battery powered locomotive designed by BHEL;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the comparative performance of this locomotive against steam locomotives in terms of economy and efficiency;

(c) whether there is any proposal to adopt this locomotive for halijlage on narrow-gauge tracks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Locomotive did not meet the performance requirements as specified in the trial order on BHEL, which has since been cancelled. Under the circumstances, the question of evaluating the comparative performance of this locomotive against steam locomotives in term of economy and efficiency does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-Government Organisations involved in Ganga Action Plan

5317. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI
BHANDARI: Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the Non-Government Organisations involved in the Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, the quantum of fund provided to these organisations during each of the last three years and for 1992-93; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)
Financial assistance is provided to the Non-Government Organisations which participate in Public Awareness Programmes under the Ganga Action Plan.

(b) and (c). The funds released to NGOs in the last three years and for 1992-93 is given below:-

Year	Amount Released
1989-90	Rs. 22,500.00
1990-91	Rs. 3,25,629.00
1991-92	Rs. 3,34,150.00
1992-93 upto 31.7.92	Rs.68,480.00

Credit Card for Purchase of Tickets

5318. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to accept credit cards for purchase of reserved tickets at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the zone-wise number of stations where such

facility is available;

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) whether it has been implemented in
Visakhapatnam, station also;

(b) A statement if attached.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

(c) to (e). No nationalised bank has
come up with a request for acceptance of
their Credit Cadres for purchase of tickets at
Visakhapatnam station.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

STATEMENT

Credit Cards of certain banks are accepted at 10 Stations/Reservation Offices on different Zonal Railways as detailed below:

1 Railway Zone	2 Name of Station Reservation office	3 Name of Bank
1. Central Railway	Bombay VT Computerised Reservation Office	1. Central Bank of India.
2. Eastern Railway	New Koilaghat Centralised Reservation Office, Calcutta.	1. Bank of Baroda.
3. Northern Railway	I.R.C.A. Reservation Office, New, Delhi.	1. Andhra bank. 2. Bank of baroda. 3. Citi bank. 4. Vijaya Bank. 5. Canara bank. 6. Bank of India.
4. North Eastern Railway	Nil	
5. Northeast Frontier Railway	Nil.	

Railway Zone	Name of Station Reservation office	Name of Bank
1	2	3
6. Southern Railway	Moore Market Complex, Madras	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canara Bank. 2. Andhra Bank. 3. Bank of Baroda. 4. Central bank of India. 5. Bank of India.
7. South Central Railway	Bangalore City Reservation Office.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vijaya Bank 2. Canara Bank. 3. Andhra Bank. 4. Bank of India.
7. South Central Railway	Reservation Complex, Secunderbad.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andhra Bank. 2. Bank of Baroda 3. Canara Bank.
8. South Eastern Railway	Nil	
9. Western Railway	Bombay Central	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Bank of India.

<i>Railway Zone</i>	<i>Name of Station Reservation office</i>	<i>Name of Bank</i>
1	2	3
	Bombay Churchgate	2. Andhra Bank. 3. Bank of Baroda. 1. Central Bank of India. 2. Andhra Bank. 3. Bank of Baroda.
	Ahmedabad	1. Bank of Baroda. 2. Central Bank of India.
	Vadodara	1. Bank of Baroda.