

[*Translation*]**Direct Train from Bhavnagar to
Bombay and Delhi**

922. SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a direct train from Bhavnagar (Gujarat) to Bombay and Delhi in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints & lack of commercial justification.

[*English*]**Difficulties of 8476 DN and 2816 DN
Passengers**

923. DR. KARTIKESHWARPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers of 8476 Dn and 2816 Dn are facing difficulties of water supply, catering service, unauthorised entry to reserved compartments and forcibly unauthorised entry to reserved compartments and forcibly occupying reserved berths, frequent chain pulling and the RPF, TTE remain ineffective;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Adequate arrangements for supply of drinking water and carting service already exist. Some cases of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches and alarm chain pulling have come to notice.

(b) and (c). Regular checks are conducted in these trains and the persons detected travelling unauthorisedly or found indulging in alarm chain pulling without reasonable and sufficient cause are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Railways Act.

[*Translation*]**Hindi Training Centres**

924. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide facility for teaching Hindi Short-hand and Hindi typewriting in North Eastern States of the country;

(b) the places where training centres have been opened in those states with the help of the Union Government; and

(c) the scheme for expansion of these facilities during this year and the next financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for promotion and propagation of Hindi, grants are sanctioned to voluntary organisations inter alia for running Hindi shorthand and/or Hindi Typewriting Centres.

Besides, under the Hindi teaching Scheme, training in Hindi shorthanded and Hindi Typewriting is provided to Central Government employees and to the employees of the Government undertakings, Banks etc. at the following Centres in the North-Eastern States of the country:-

Shorthand and Typewriting Centres

Assam. Guwahati, Dibrugarh & Kamrup.

Manipur Imphal.

Nagaland Kohima.

Meghalaya Shillong

Sikkim Gangtok.

* In addition to shorthand Centres, Hindi Typewriting Centres are also being run at these places.

In addition, Hindi Typewriting/Shorthand training is also imparted through correspondence courses.

The aforesaid existing facilities for Hindi Typewriting/shorthand training appear to be adequate. However, the new proposals for support to Hindi Typewriting/shorthand training in North Eastern States would be considered keeping in view the needs of the region and also the available resources.

Railway Projects in Punjab

925. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for new railway projects submitted by the Government of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) whether some of the proposals have been found unremunerative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on each of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Following were the proposals for new lines:-

- (1) New electrified BG link from Rajpura to Chandigarh;
- (2) Electrified double line from Rajpura to Patiala;
- (3) New BG link from Patiala to Jakhai;
- (4) New BG link from Chandigarh to Sirhind/Sarai Banjara; and
- (5) Payal (Ferozpur) to Chandigarh.

(b) Surveys for new lines from Rajpura to Chandigarh and Chandigarh to Ludhiana carried out in the past have revealed inadequate traffic potential. No survey has, however, been carried out for the remaining lines. Lines at items(1) to (3) were also proposed to serve the proposed counter-magnet towns under the National Capital Region Plan.

(c) Railways are facing an acute resource crunch and, therefore, the proposed new lines have to wait till the resource position improves. However, in view of persistent demand, a survey has been ordered for Rajpura-Chandigarh BG line, which will provide a direct BG link with important towns of Punjab without involving a reversal of trains at Ambale. Further action on this would, however, depend upon the results of the survey and the availability of resources in the coming years.

[English]

New Zones/Divisions

926. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA
PRABHA URS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: