

[English]

Passenger Amenities

2912. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have to set up a Cell to monitor the passenger amenities;

(b) if so, whether passenger amenities have since been improved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) There is a nodal directorate for passenger amenities in the Ministry of Railways. Improvement in various spheres of passenger amenities has been made over the years and this is an on-going process.

[Translation]

Local Trains in Bombay

2913. SHRI DHARMANNA
MONDAYYA SADUL:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether local trains have not been started fully as yet on the railway routes constructed by SIDCO in new Bombay; and

(b) if so, the time by which the local trains are likely to be started on these rail routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Suburban trains are already running on Belapur-Mankhurd section. However, on the other sections laid by SIDCO in New Bombay, local trains can be introduced only after the development of infrastructural facilities for running of passenger trains on the sections.

[English]

Irregular Trains

2914. SHRI RAMCHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the commuters of Birbhum district due to irregular running of trains and withdrawal of some trains; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) With a view to providing a better service for the commuters of Andal-Sainthia section of Birbhum District, fast DMU Push-Pull services were introduced. In this reorganisation of services 381/382 Andal-Azimganj Passenger was replaced by a DMU service between Andal and Sainthia and is now running between Rampurhat and Azimganj only.

Loss of Foodgrains

2915. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: