

[English]

**Model Railway Stations**

1371. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work for the Model Railway Station at Trivandrum Central has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a lot of long distance as well as short distance trains are subjected to a halt at the Outer Signal for a long duration due to lack of space at the Station to handle incoming and outgoing trains; and

(d) the remedial measures taken to ease the difficulties of the passengers and when the work on this Model Railway Station is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). The 'Model Station' scheme, which was introduced in 1986, has since been discontinued. Under this scheme, the scope of work at Trivandrum Central, inter alia, comprised remodelling of station building including provision of additional facilities; and a new booking office on the Chalai side. The work of booking office on the Chalai side could not progress due to delay in development of approach road by the local bodies. All the remaining works in this regard were completed. The work of booking office will now be taken up, separately, after development of the approach road by the local bodies.

(c) No, Sir. However, when trains are running late or during shunting operations, trains on certain occasions are held up at outer signals for short durations. Some detentions at such busy terminals are unavoidable.

(d) Does not arise.

**Environmental Education**

1372. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the fund allocated to the Tamil Nadu and other states by the Union Government under 'Environmental Orientation in School Education' during each of the last three years, year-wise?

(b) whether any voluntary organisation is getting financial assistance in Tamil Nadu under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The following funds were sanctioned to Tamil Nadu and other States

by the Union Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Environmental Orientation to School Education', during each of the last three years, year-wise:

States	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Tamil Nadu	4.00	-	-
Others	85.80	30.58	60.02

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Two voluntary agencies, namely, CPR Environmental Education Centre, Madras and Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, located in Tamil Nadu are getting assistance under this scheme. A sum of Rs.22.53 lakhs has been sanctioned to the aforesaid two voluntary agencies during the last three years.

**Claims Tribunals**

1373. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of benches of Railway Claims Tribunal in Gujarat, division-wise at present;

(b) the number of posts of judicial members lying vacant in these benches as on date;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to fill up these posts;

(d) the number of claims cleared/still on hearings as on date in each division; and

(e) the time by which the remaining claims are likely to be settled/cleared by the Railway Claims Tribunals in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) One at Ahmedabad.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As on 31.7.95, 3599 claims cases have been settled and 3004 cases yet to be settled.

(e) With the constitution of the full bench at Ahmedabad, settlement of the remaining claims cases shall get speeded up, though no definite date could be indicated.

[Translation]

**Railway Projects**

1374. SHRI KUNJEE LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Projects launched by the Railways in Rajasthan and the prescribed time limit fixed for completion of each of these projects;

(b) the reasons for the delay in their completion;

(c) the revised time-schedule for completion;

(d) the original estimated cost of construction of these projects and the extent of escalation in the cost; and

(e) the measures adopted by the Government to complete these projects within the revised time-schedule?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The following projects have been launched in Rajasthan in the last four years.

Works	Kms.	Prescribed time limit for completion	Original cost (Rs. in Crs.)	Latest revised cost (Rs. in Crs.)	Escalation in cost (Rs. in Crs.)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>NEW LINES</b>						
1. Mathura-Alwar (partly in Rajasthan)	124	1993-94	69.43	71.52	2.09	Completed
<b>GAUGE CONVERSIONS</b>						
1. Rewari-Jaipur	225	1994-95	104.60	110.00	5.40	Completed.
2. Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad.	572	(i) Phulera-Ajmer completed.	280.00	456.57	176.57	Completed.
		(ii) Mahesana-Ahmedabad completed.				Completed.
		(iii) Ajmer-Marwar 1995-96				(Cost escalation primarily due to change in alignment to overcome gradient problem and track upgradation to cater to higher speeds.)
		(iv) Marwar-Mahesana 96-97.				
3. Sawai-Madhampur-Jaipur-Phulera	187	1993-94	133.04	133.04	Nil	Completed.
4. Jodhpur-Jaisalmer	297	1994-95	111.18	111.18	Nil	Completed.
5. Phulera-Jodhpur-Lalgarh-Kolayat-Merta Rd.-Merta City.	491	(i) Lalgarh-Kolayat = Nov.'92	258.52	258.52	Nil	Completed.
		(ii) Lalgarh-Merta Road = March'93				
		(iii) Merta Rd.-Merta City = June' 93.				
		(iv) Merta Rd.-Gotan = Dec.'93				
		(v) Gotan-Jodhpur = Jan. '94				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		(vi) Phulera-Degana-Merta Road = March 1994				
6.	Jodhpur-Marwar	104	1996-97	58.00	-	-
7.	Makrana-Parbatsar	21	1995-96	1.22	-	-
8.	Agra-Bandi-Kui	151	1996-97	88.73	-	-
9.	Bhildi-Luni.	306	Due to low operational priority, the project is forzen at present.	185.00		

(b) There has been no delay.

(c) and (d). The date of completion and the original estimated cost have been shown against each in part (a) above.

(e) Materials and funds are being arranged as required for completion of all these projects in time.

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#### DMU Train

1375. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the running of DMU train between Kantabanji and Khariar in Orissa has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a growing demand to restore the above trains; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Gauge Conversion

1376. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Metre Gauge Railway lines in Northern Railway Division have been converted into Broad Gauge Railway lines;

(b) whether Broad Gauge tracks are elevated to 4-5 feet above the height of Metre Gauge track; and

(c) whether all Railway crossings which were working regularly have now been closed due to elevation of Railway track?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c). No, Sir.

[English]

#### Gauge Conversion

1377. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :  
SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gauge Conversion work is going on between Guntakal and Wadi; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir. Guntakal-Wadi section is already a BG line.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Ammonia Gas Leak

1378. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "30 fall ill after gas leak at Lever Unit" appearing in the 'Business Standard', New Delhi dated July 10, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter;