

[English]

**Running Time of Trains**

2786. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to reduce the running time of Black Diamond, Coalfield, Asansol and Shatabdi Express (Howrah-Bokaro);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Speeding up and reducing the running time of trains is a continuous process on Indian Railways. However, speeding up of these trains is not feasible at present due to operational constraints.

**Revenue earned through Advertisement**

2787. SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for allocating place for displaying advertisements by private parties at the Railway Stations; and

(b) the total revenue earned through advertisements by Railways during the past two years, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The requests received from parties for display of advertisements at station premises are examined on first come first served basis and agreed to by the authorities concerned if the same do not affect safety or convenience of the passengers and also do not offend public taste. The allotment of the site is done on execution of contract and realisation of prescribed charges.

(b) The railway-wise earnings from commercial Advertisements during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as under:

(Rs. in crores)		
Railway	1993-94	1994-95
Central	4.31	5.19
Eastern	0.79	0.90
Northern	2.87	3.48
East Northern	0.13	0.16
North East Frontier	0.04	0.05
South	2.28	3.33
South Central	0.30	0.34
South Eastern	0.32	0.49
Western	4.42	5.53

**Excavation in Mehrauli**

2788. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has conducted large scale excavations in Lal Kot in Mehrauli;

(b) if so, whether the excavation work has been completed and when the Report is likely to be published;

(c) if not, when the work is likely to be completed and whether any Interim Report has been published; and

(d) if so, the original estimated expenditure on the project, the expenditure incurred upto 31.3.95, the additional expenditure estimated for completing the project and the allocation for 1995-96.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) ( KUMARI SELJA ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The excavation programme has been completed. Summary reports have been submitted as well as published in reputed journals. However, a detailed report is likely to take time.