

22.	Delhi	1	5*
23.	CGHS	-	1
24.	Central Research Councils	-	20
	All India	112	2111

\* Information for current year has not been received and hence repeated for the latest available year.

[English]

#### **Train from Guwahati to Puri**

1630. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- whether there is any proposal to introduce direct trains from Guwahati to Puri;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- Does not arise.
- Operational constraints and lack of resources.

#### **Railway Projects**

1631. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA KONATHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- the number of works pertaining to Conversion, Doubling and Electrification undertaken during the last three years under South Central Railway and other Zonal Railways; and
- the present status of each work, their progress and the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Safai Karamcharis**

1632. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- whether the job of cleaning of important Railway Stations in the country is being entrusted to private contractors;
- if so, the reasons therefor;
- whether a large number of Safai Karamcharis are likely to be affected as a result thereof;
- whether the Government propose to review the said decision and save the future of a large number of Safai Karamcharis; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (e) Railways undertake cleaning of stations departmentally. However, at a few stations cleaning work has been entrusted to private contractors on experimental basis. No Safai Karamchari has been retrenched as a result of this experiment. However, no decision has so far been taken to change the present system.

#### **M.R.T.P.C**

1633. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- whether the MRTPC has been functioning without a regular Chairman since February, 1995;
- if so, the reasons therefor;
- whether the vacancies of Members are also not filled up in MRTPC;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the total number of cases pending with MRTPC as on date;
- the reasons therefor; and
- the time by which these vacancies are likely to be a filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. steps have been initiated to select a regular Chairman of the MRTPC, who is likely to be appointed in the near future.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

(e) and (f) 660 Unfair Trade Practices, 765 Restrictive Trade Practices, 5 Monopolies Trade Practices Enquiries and 1063 Compensation applications are pending before the MRTPC and the same are at the different stages of consideration. All the cases are sub-judge.

(g) Only the post of Chairman is vacant which likely to be filled in the near future.

#### **Jodhpur-Howrah Superfast**

1634. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- whether the Government propose to attach half of the coaches of Jodhpur-Howrah superfast from Bikaner keeping in view the number of passengers from there;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c) No Sir. However, two slip coaches (sleeper class) between Bikaner and Howrah by 391/392 Jaipur-Bikaner Passenger and 2307/2308 Jodhpur-Howrah Express have been introduced, and these are considered adequate to meet the present demand. In case of increase in demand, an additional slip coach will be attached between Bikaner and Howrah.

[Translation]

#### **Reliance Industrial Group**

1635. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- the losses suffered/profit earned by Messers Reliance Industrial Group during the last three years, year-wise;
- the names of units of this group running in losses/profit, separately;