

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

[English]

#### Passenger Amenities

3545. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several railway stations of Calcutta suburban sections do not have sheds, drinking water, and other passenger amenities;

(b) if so, the names of those stations; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide passenger amenities at those stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c). All the Stations, on Calcutta Suburban Section, have been provided with drinking water and other facilities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled. The facilities are periodically reviewed and further improvements/augmentation carried out wherever so warranted by the traffic requirements.

[Translation]

#### Allotment of DDA Flats to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

3546. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of quota for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in allotment of accommodation under the Delhi Development Authority; and

(b) the group-wise details of allotment of accommodation to the member of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes during the year 1992, 1993 and 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN) : (a) 25%.

(b) DDA has made the following category-wise allotments to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the years 1992-93 to 1994-95 :

Year	SFS	MIG	LIG	JANTA
1992-93	74	-	444	545
1993-94	68	301	1413	921
1994-95	155	-	147	1522

In addition to above, 407 flats have been allotted under the Expandable Housing Scheme-1995.

[English]

#### Gauge Conversion

3547. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering the conversion of New Cooch Bihar to Gitaldah Railway Line into Broad Gauge;

(b) whether this line is to be included in the next year's works programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Next year's works' programme is not yet finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Lines required on urgent operational/strategic considerations have been taken up on the First phase of the Action Plan. This line will be considered alongwith the remaining lines when the next phase is taken up in the 10th Plan starting in 2002-2003.

#### Metro Railway, Calcutta

3548. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2709 on 22 August, 1995 and state :

(a) whether information has been collected; and

(b) if not the reasons for the delay and by which time it is likely to be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information had since been collected and Implementation Report sent to Lok Sabha Sectt.

#### Howrah-Jodhpur Express

3549. SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to extend the Howrah-Jodhpur Express upto Jaisalmer;

(b) whether any steps are being taken in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Lack of traffic and constraints of resources.