

(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far;

2(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have prepared any action-plan for checking the crimes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). As per provisions contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is, therefore, for the State Governments to prepare action plan for checking crimes. The Central Government on its part, has been guiding the States on improving the various facets of police functioning including crime control. The Central Government has also been providing financial assistance to the States for modernising their police forces. No such request as referred to in part (a) of the question has been received by the Central Government.

[English]

Security Vehicles for VIPs

1450 SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several pilot and escort security gypsies/jeeps provided to VIPs are running on Delhi roads without the number plates;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the mode of their identification in case these are involved in any road accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Livestock Training Institute

1451 SHRI A. C. JOS : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala for sanctioning of grants for the development of Livestock Training Institute at Mattupatti is pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal is being examined by government agencies. The Government will take a decision soon on the proposal.

Train Between Kolhapur and Tirupati

1452. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether request has been received for introduction of a new train between Kolhapur and Tirupati in February, '96;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any action on this request; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A request to introduce a superfast train between Kolhapur and Madras to also serve Tirupati passengers has been received in February, '96.

(b) and (c) Examined but has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Survey by RITES

1453 SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 'RITES' have made a survey of a proposed railway line from Erumely to Angamaly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The report has not yet been received.

[Translation]

International Cooperation

1454. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has signed agreements with different countries for mutual cooperation in various fields of environment;

(b) if so, the names of such countries; and

(c) the details of the programmes alongwith the fields of environment to which they related?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India had signed Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding/Joint Statement of Intent with China, Russia, Austria, Iran, Tajikistan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Brazil and Finland for cooperation in the filed of environment.

(c) The areas of cooperation include sharing perspectives and positions on key global issues such as Global Warming, Ozone Depletion, Desertification,

Biodiversity Conservation, Forests Policies including wildlife conservation. Coastal Management and Ocean issues. Toxic and Hazardous Waste Management, facilitate scientific and technological research, exchange information on environmentally sound technologies and legislation related to sustainable development and environmental protection including law enforcement, sustainable agriculture and agro-forestry techniques, environmental education and promotion of public awareness, protection of flora and fauna, prevention of trade in endangered species, training of personnel, environment impact assessment systems and procedures, management of wetlands and mangroves.

[English]

Railway Stations at Guwahati and Lumding

1455. DR PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fourth receipt and despatch yard line at the Lumding has been completed.

(b) whether conversion of platforms Nos. one, three and four at the Guwahati station alongwith washable apron on platforms No. three and four has been completed?

(c) whether washable apron at platform No. one at Lumding station has been provided and

(d) the details of provision of water filling arrangement for coaches at the platform Nos. one and four at the Guwahati Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The facilities required for water filling on these platforms have been provided.

Erode-Ernakulam Railway Line

1456. SHRI N N KRISHNA DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the stage at which the work of the Erode-Ernakulam Railway line of the Southern Railway stands presently.

(b) whether there are technical obstacles preventing the said construction activity.

(c) if so, the details thereof.

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remove these obstacles; and

(e) the time by which the same is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member intends to find out the position of Erode-Ernakulam railway

electrification work as there is no other line work between these stations. The position of electrification work is as under :

Electrification of Erode-Ernakulam section including Cochin Harbour Terminus is an approved work. The work on section Erode-Coimbatore has already been completed. The entire section Erode-Ernakulam is targeted for completion by March, 98.

[Translation]

Diversion of Funds of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1457. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the financial assistance provided to Bihar for Krishi Vigyan Kendras is being spent for other purposes as a result of which the position of the said kendras remains worse and they could not encourage model farming, and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the arrangements being made for utilising the allocated amount on these kendras only.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Adequate measures have already been taken by the Government to check any diversion of money provided for Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Bihar by opening separate Bank Account in each Agricultural University and Non-Government Organization and also for each of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Grants are released from the Council only in those accounts. Very close monitoring is done for full utilization of allocated fund of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

[English]

Train between Delhi and Baghpat

1458. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 4545 UP and 4546 DN trains running between Delhi-Baghpat-Delhi stops at all the halt stations on the route despite being a mail train; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As 4545/4546 Delhi-Saharanpur Express provides convenient morning/evening commuter service, it stops at three out of five intermediate halt stations between Delhi and Baghpat Road on public demand.