

19. Take steps to reduce human and livestock pressure on critical wildlife habitats.

20. Harness revenue from low impact tourism to conservation and community development.

21. Reduce pressure of urbanisation of economic development on wildlife habitats.

22. Improve education and awareness for wildlife protection.

23. Create new Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks.

24. A minimum of 15% of total forestry budgetary should be earmarked for wildlife management. Both financial and other resources have to be enhanced.

25. Wildlife field staff should have the same status as that of para military or armed forces.

26. Additionally there are detailed recommendations on proposals to amend Wildlife (Protection) Act in Chapter 6.

Leasing out of Railway Land

4029. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plot of Railway land measuring about 38 bighas was leased out to Pandu College, Guwahati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a portion of the said plot is under the unauthorised encroachment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps being taken to remove unauthorised encroachers and to hand over the possession of the encroachment free plot of land to the college authorities; and

(f) the time by which the possession is likely to be handed over to the college authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, Railway land measuring 38 bighas was relinquished to the State Government of Assam with the ultimate objective of the land being transferred to the Pandu College Authority;

(c) to (f). Since the Railway land in question has already been relinquished to the State Government, Railways are not concerned.

Catering Services

4030. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether catering services in A.P. Express and Dakshin Express are provided by private contractors at major stations/junctions on the routes of these two trains;

(b) whether these trains do not carry pantry facilities to provide on-board catering services to the travelling public including the VIPs;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to award catering contracts to provide food at major stations to the Railway Department itself instead of the private contractors; and

(e) if so, the time by which positive decision in this regard is likely to be taken and also to make it mandatory to carry pantry-cars on these trains regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Catering Services are provided in both the trains through pantry cars. The pantry car in A.P. Express is run departmentally while in Dakshin Express by a private contractor.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Disruption in Train Services

4031. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the train services to and from Howrah Station of the Eastern Railway suffer due to water logging on the Railway line at Howrah Car Shed; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken to ensure that the train services are not disrupted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Train movement is occasionally hampered in instances of intense rainfall/flooding near Howrah Car Shed, within Howrah Yard.

(b) In such abnormal situations the water is pumped out for removing water logging and allow easy movement of trains.

Extension of Railway Line

4032. SHRI VISHESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has proposed the extension of Delhi-Rajhara Railway line to Raughat for transportation of iron ore from Raughat to Bhilai Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard indicating the proposed outlay and the length of the proposed railway line?

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

(b) Construction of Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jogdalpur new broad gauge line (235 kms.) has been included in Railway Budget of 1995-96 at an estimated cost of Rs. 369 crores. SAIL will bear the actual cost of construction between Dallirajahara and Rowghat (95 kms.). Work can be taken up after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and deposit of money by SAIL and other parties. Ministry of Environment and Forests to use of Bailadila Mines, and have indicated that they would sign the MOU and release the amount only after the clearance from MOEF is received.

Transfer of Doctors

4033. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of doctors working on the same place for more than ten years in the Western Railway;

(b) the number of doctors who are being transferred frequently by the Chief Medical Officer, Western Railway without any reason; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) 44 (Forty four)

(b) Nil

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Use of Machines for Official Language

4034. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether dozen of machines like computers, telexes, tele-printers etc., have been made bilingual;

(b) if so, the percentage of work done on the Devnagari machine in comparison to the work done on Roman script machines;

(c) whether work on the Devnagari script machines is hindered due to departmental files being only in English;

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Departments for equal utilisation of Devnagri script machines; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for doing cent percent work in the official language in those Sections/Departments which have been declared Hindi knowing departments under sections 10(4) and 8(4) of the Official Language Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the quarterly progress reports received for the quarter ending March, 1996, the percentages of bilingual

(Hindi-English) electronic typewriters and computers of the total number of electronic typewriters and computers being used in Ministries/Departments are 73.3 and 57.7 respectively. The percentage of the work being done in Hindi on these machines is 36.5.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Necessary orders are issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time that the employees having working knowledge of Hindi should do their work in Hindi only. This is also ensured during the inspections conducted by this Department. Deficiencies, wherever noticed, are brought to the notice of higher officers of the concerned Departments.

[English]

Purchase by Railway Hospitals

4035. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any standard of quantity or technical specifications have been laid down for the purchase of Medical consumables, medical disposables and Medical electronic equipment by the Railway Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the particulars of purchases made by the Railway Hospitals of the medical disposables and consumables during 1994-95 and 1995-96 item-wise; and

(d) the names of manufacturers and suppliers of the said items who are registered of regular suppliers to the various Railway Hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A well defined procurement system conforming to quality standards and other technical specifications is available on Indian Railways which is updated from time to time according to the needs.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express Trains

4036. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN .
SHRI A.C. JOS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for running of the Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) whether any such new trains are proposed to be introduced during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?