

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Introduction of trains is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic justification. During the Eighth Five Year Plan 73 trains including EMUs and DMU Push-pulls have so far been introduced on Eastern and South Eastern Railways.

[*Translation*]

**National Hybrid Development Programme**

964. SHRI SURENDERAPALPATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural scientists have suggested to launch a National Hybrid Development Programme for the development of hybrid varieties in the national conference held in December in 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Day-Time Train to Jind**

965. SHRI NARAIN SINGH

CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all express trains coming to Delhi via Jind district in Haryana pass through this area during night only;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce any day-time train via Jind; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir, 9024 Janata and 6032/6018/6688 Madras-Jammu Tawi/Himsagar/ Navyug Expresses coming towards Delhi serve Jind during day time.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Indoor Stadia in Karnataka**

966. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested for financial assistance for the construction of Indoor Stadia in the State;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance sought for; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government during 1993-94 and for the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF

YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir. [Translation]

(b) during the VIII Plan, Government of Karnataka have submitted five proposals of a total estimated cost of Rs.207.88 lakhs. The Central assistance would be in accordance with the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

(c) Central assistance of Rs. 10.675 lakhs has been released during 1992-93 and 1993-94 for three projects of construction of Indoor Stadia in Karnataka received in the Department prior to 1.4.1992.

#### **Divisional Office in Maharashtra**

967. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of divisional offices set up in Maharashtra, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some additional Divisional Offices in Maharashtra during 1994;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) There are six divisional offices located in Maharashtra, namely; Bombay, Bhusaval, Nagpur and Solapur on Central Railway, Bombay on Western Railway and Nagpur on South Eastern Railway.

(b) and (c). A new Divisional office is currently being set-up at Nanded (South Central Railway) in Maharashtra.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Freight Traffic**

968. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The target fixed by the Government in the current financial year for freight traffic to be handled by the railways;

(b) the target achieved by the Railways in respect of freight traffic and the income earned by the Government as a result thereof;

(c) the main causes for not achieving the target fixed in respect of freight traffic; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remove those causes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) 362 million tonnes of originating revenue earning freight traffic for the full financial year 1993-94.

(b) 290.36 million tonnes and estimated earnings Rs. 10254.31 crores upto the end of Jan. 1994.

(c) The main reason contributing to the shortfall is inadequate demand from core sectors when compared to targets.

(d) Close coordination is being maintained with user organisations from time to time at various levels for increasing the demand.