

(a) whether General Manager of South Eastern Railway with other officials of the railway in an informal meeting with the Chief Minister of Orissa in the month of October, 1984 have decided to introduce a shuttle express train from Balasore to Bhubaneswar from the month of December, 1984;

(b) if so, whether the train has been introduced;

(c) if not, whether the users as well as the State Government of Orissa and local Member of Parliament are approaching the authority to start this train soon; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when it will start running ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. However, it was agreed to examine the proposal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Apart from lack of commercial justification, introduction of a shuttle express train between Balasore and Bhubaneswar is not feasible due to lack of resources.

Container handling facilities at major ports

2693. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to provide full fledged container terminals/container handling facilities conforming to international specifications and standards at different major Ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the container handling facilities available at Calcutta and Haldia Ports as compared to the facilities available at Madras, Visakhapatnam, Cochin and Bombay Ports; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to improve the existing container handling facilities at Calcutta and Haldia Ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). A full fledged container terminal with necessary facilities to handle third generation container ships carrying upto 3000 TEUs has been commissioned in December 1983 at Madras Port.

The Nhava Sheva Port Project which is under implementation provides for a full fledged container terminal having three container berths and related facilities to handle third generation container ships.

(c) and (d). The following are the container handling facilities available at the ports of Madras, Bombay and Haldia :

Port	Yard Gantry Cranes	Quayside Gantry Cranes
Madras	2	2
Bombay	3	2
Haldia	1	1

For Calcutta, a project for creating container handling facilities which includes 2 Nos. yard gantry cranes container freight station and container parking yard is under implementation.

Another project for creating container handling facilities at Cochin which includes 2 Nos. yard gantry cranes and related facilities is also under implementation. Visakhapatnam has at present no special facilities for container handling and there are at present no proposals for creating such facilities there.

[Translation]

Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee

2694. SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry held in 1984;

(b) the resolutions passed in these meetings; and

(c) the details regarding the imple-

mentation of these resolutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) One.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.

Statement

Some of the important resolutions adopted/recommendations made by Railway Hindi Salahkar Samiti in its meeting held on 18-1-1984 alongwith action taken thereon are enumerated below :

S. No.	Resolution adopted/Recommendation made	Action taken
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	A time bound programme be chalked out to complete the formalities of formation of All Indian Railways Official Language Service.	A proposal for forming a new Group 'A' (Class I) Service, namely, "Indian Railway Rajbhasha Service" for Zonal Railways, has been sent to the Ministries of Home Affairs (Department of Personnel & A.R.) and Finance. The Ministry of Home Affairs have called for certain clarifications which are under examination.
2.	Retired Railway employees be also included in the Scheme for writing books in Hindi on Technical Railway subjects and a Committee be constituted to review the prize money for various incentive Schemes regarding propagation of Hindi on Railways.	The Review Committee has since been constituted and in its meeting held on 25-3-85, the Committee have inter-alia, made certain recommendations regarding scope and increase in the amount of incentives available presently in the incentive schemes. Recommendations of the Review Committee are under consideration and necessary action would be taken to implement them.
3.	Circulars etc. should be issued in Hindi-English both the languages simultaneously. Sending of Hindi translation at a later stage amounts to violation of the Rules.	With a view to ensure cent percent compliance of Section 3 (3), check-points have been set up in Railway Board and on Zonal Railways, and a continuous vigil is kept on these check-points. Circulars and general orders prepared only in English are returned to the branches concerned for enclosing Hindi version. Every effort is made to issue all the orders/circulars etc. under Section 3 (3) in Hindi-English bilingual form simultaneously.

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4. For the compliance of O.L. Rules, an infrastructure should be built. Proposal for providing necessary staff for the publication of 'Rail Rajbhasha' quarterly magazine be examined.
5. Bilingual provision in modern equipments like computers etc. to be used for the purpose of reservation in trains should be made now only.
6. Hindi officers at the time of promotion must be given the same benefits as are given to Class-II officers of other services at the time of their promotion to Class-I posts, so that there was no discontentment among them.
7. The Compulsory paper in English prescribed for recruitment examinations should be abolished since it was in contravention of provisions of the Resolution adopted by the Parliament.
8. At least the libraries having more than 5,000 books should be placed under the charge of a whole time librarian.

To ensure compliance of rules pertaining to use of Official Language, Hindi Sections have been set up on the Zonal Railways/other units. Proposals for further strengthening the infrastructure including publication of "Rail Rajbhasha" quarterly magazine, have not been processed on account of the ban on creation of new posts.

The feasibility in this regard is being worked out in consultation with the O.L. Department (Ministry of Home Affairs).

As stated against item No. 1 above, action is being taken to form the Indian Railways O.L. Service. When this service is formed, officers of Hindi Cadre will also get the same benefits as are allowed to the officers of other organised Class-I Railway services on their promotion from Class-II to Class-I.

The question of abolition of compulsory paper in English in recruitment examinations is to be decided by the O.L. Department (Ministry of Home Affairs) and that Department is already consulting the Department of Personnel in the matter.

There has been a ban on new creation till the end of March, 85. However, the proposal in this regard is being formulated.

New Rail Line in Bundelkhand of Madhya Pradesh

2695. SHRI DALCHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey had been conducted to lay the new railway line in Bhundelkhand of Madhya Pradesh so as to link Chatarpur, Panna, Harpalpur, Sagar, Chatarpur-Damoh; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be executed ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Special air-conditioned train from Calcutta to link Buddhist centres in Orissa

2696. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :