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**Upgradation of Rajghat and Nuagan-
Mayurbhanj Road passenger halts**

4359. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleas-
ed to state :

(a) whether there are constant demands to upgrade the Rajghat and Nuagan Mayurbhanj Road passenger halts in Kharagpur Division of South-Eastern Railway into flag stations, if so, the re-action of Government;

(b) whether serious allegations were brought to the notice by Government against the agent/contractor of Rajghat passenger halt; if so, the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether the General Manager of South-Eastern Railway assured to change the contractor/agent by appointing a suitable substitute; if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Demands for conversion of Rajghat and Nuagaon—Mayurbhanj Road passenger halts were examined. The conversion has not been found financially justified.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Decision has been taken to replace the existing halt agent.

Railway Coach Factory in Kerala

4360. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a long standing demand from the State Government of Kerala to establish a Railway coach factory in Kerala;

(b) whether the Department of Railways have appointed Rail India Technical and

Economic Services Limited to appraise the State Government's proposal;

(c) if so, the outcome; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Suggestions were received from the Government of Kerala and also from other States for establishment of a Coach Factory in the State concerned.

(b) M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) had, in 1981, been assigned the task of examining in depth the question of selecting a suitable location for the Coach Factory and to prepare a Detailed Project Report and estimates.

(c) and (d). After due consideration of all the aspects, the Government decided to establish the Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala in Punjab and RITES submitted a Detailed Project Report and estimates accordingly. Construction of the factory has commenced.

Blackmarketing in railway tickets

4361. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in "The Statesman" dated 9 July, 1986 under the caption 'And now they beat the computer';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation as to how these touts are operating and railway tickets are available with them while the same are not available at the counter; and

(d) if so, the details and steps being taken to prevent such black-marketing in the tickets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.