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Reduction in size and number of Stalls at Railway Stations

1337. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to reduce the size and number of stalls provided at platforms ;

(b) if so, the number of the stalls at New Delhi and Delhi Main Railway Stations taken up for reducing the size for which orders have been issued ; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons for not complying with the orders immediately together with the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Zonal Railways have instructions to reduce the size and number of stalls, wherever warranted and feasible, to reduce congestion on platforms.

(b) Four stalls have been taken up for reduction of size at New Delhi Station.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Appointment of Private Security Guards by Metro Railway Authority

1338. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Metro Railway Administration proposes to appoint private Security guards for partial manning of its security wing ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reasons why the Railways Protection Force is not being given this job ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The proposal of Metro Railway, Calcutta is for utilising guards from recognised private agencies for manning of entry gates of Metro Stations for functions which are not the normal duties of Railway Protection Force.

Working of N.C.E.R.T. Organisation

1339. SHRI D.L. BAIHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the programme and functions of National Council of Educational Research and Training organisation ;

(b) whether any study has been made of the working of this organisation as to how far it has been successful in achieving its objective ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The National Council of Educational Research and Training functions as an academic adviser to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in formulating and implementing policies and programmes in the field of education, particularly school education. To realize the above objectives, it undertakes the following programmes :—

- Conducts, aids, promotes and coordinates research in all branches of school education ;
- Organizes pre-service and in-service training of teachers, mainly at an advanced level ;
- Organizes extension services for institutions, organisations and agencies engaged in educational reconstruction ;