

[English]

Passenger amenities at Railway Stations

3872. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to improve passenger amenities at all railway stations;

(b) whether the respective station masters have been directed to make frequent tours of the station every day;

(c) whether sufficient powers are proposed to be given to the station authorities to improve sanitation and quick service at ticket counters; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Improvement/augmentation of passenger amenities at stations are carried out on a programmed basis in consultation with Railway Users' Amenities Committee of the Railway.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The station authorities have already been given adequate powers for the maintenance of sanitation and fast service at the ticket counters at the stations.

[Translation]

Survey by Archaeological Deptt. to Locate Historical Heritage

3873. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Archaeological Department to locate the historical heritage scattered all over the country;

(b) the provision made in the annual budget for the maintenance and renovation of these monuments during the last three years;

(c) whether there are big 'Bawaries' and wells of prehistoric and historic period which are excellent example of ancient sculpture and if so, the reasons for not paying due attention to them; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to formulate a scheme by Government in the near future for their maintenance after conducting a survey in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Archaeological Survey of India has been carrying out exploration of antiquarian remains scattered all over the country as a part of its normal activities.

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Archaeological Survey of India for the repairs and maintenance of the Centrally protected monuments/sites during the last three years is given below:—

(Rupees in thousands)		
1984-85	1985-86	1886-87
2,58,01	4,14,71	5,92,97

(c) and (d). The ancient and historical monuments under Central protection include 'Bawaries' and wells and necessary repairs are carried out as and when required as per norms of archaeological conservation.

[English]

Installation of Future Generation Computers in Railways

3874. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are having main frame system computer (IBM 1401) in all Zonal Railways, production units and Railway Board;

(b) whether Railways are considering a proposal to replace the existing IBM 1401 system with advanced 3rd/4th generation computers for better efficiency and for handling more work load;

(c) whether the Railways had decided to instal mini computer at Divisions/ Workshops; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Main-frame computers IBM 1401/1440 were installed between 1966 and 1970 on all the Zonal Railway Headquarters, Production Units and Railway Board. Subsequently, on completion of their useful life, it was decided to replace these IBM 1401/1440 computers with 3rd/4th generation computers, which have greater throughput and higher processing speeds. The new computers have now been installed at all the aforesaid locations and the old IBM 1401/1440 are in the process of being phased out;

(c) Railways have decided to instal mini computers at selected Divisions and Workshops;

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Enhanced Luminescent Immunoassay in U.K.

3875. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether enhanced luminescent immunoassay had been developed in the U.K. for use in disease diagnosis and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any related research is in

progress in India and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) According to reports, the enhanced luminescent immunoassays is being developed in U.K. This assay is based on the principle of chemical luminescences produced by biological substances when coupled with certain special chemicals. These assays which are not common in practice will primarily be used to detect diseases caused by hormonal imbalances.

(b) No, Sir.

Report of the Inquiry Committee in respect of Cochin Shipyard

3876 PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the report of the inquiry Committee in respect of the Cochin Shipyard has been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Shipyard has since initiated disciplinary action against the concerned officers under the relevant CSL Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Railway Line between Guntakal-Kurnool and Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh)

3877. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for construction of a broad gauge line between Guntakal-Kurnool and Kurnool-Secunderabad has been completed; and