

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). As these are mostly long distance trains and involve overnight journey, there is greater demand for sleeping accommodation. However, adequate number of general coaches have also been provided.

(c) Different trains have varying number of general coaches depending upon the nature of the service.

(d) Specific proposals are examined as a regular measure.

[Translation]

Model Railway Stations

5194. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the consideration taken into account while selecting model stations and the names of the stations in Bihar selected as model stations;

(b) whether Government propose to make such stations as model stations which are connected with the places of mythological and historical importance; if so, by what time; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At least one station on each Division of the Indian Railways has been selected to be developed as Model Station. In doing so, locations like Zonal Headquarters, Divisional Headquarters, State Capitals, District Headquarters, important Junction Stations and other places of specific importance have been considered.

The following 8 stations in Bihar have been selected as Model Stations:-

Patna, Gaya, Dhanbad, Tatanagar, Ranchi, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur and Katihar.

(b) There is no such proposal; but some of the stations selected do come under this category.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of Bhagalpur-Mandar Railway Line upto Deoghar

5195. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH, Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to extend Bhagalpur-Mandar railway line on Eastern Railway upto Deoghar is pending for several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not implementing it so far;

(c) whether Government propose to include it in the next plan keeping in view the fact that this covers backward and adivasi areas; and

(d) if so, the time by which the construction work of this railway line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Survey for B. G. rail link between Mandar Hill and Baidyanathdham (Deoghar) 58 km was completed in 1981. The project was estimated to cost Rs. 11.99 crores at the then prevailing prices and was assessed as financially unremunerative. It could not be considered for being taken up due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects.

[English]

Import of Drug for Conducting Myelography'

5196. DR. V. VENKATESH:
SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI:
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: