

**Shatabdi Express**

3576. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :  
SHRI K.N. PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether "Shatabdi Express" the fastest train in the sub-continent, commenced commercial run between New Delhi and Jhansi on July 10, 1988;

(b) if so, the salient features of this train-service;

(c) whether it is proposed to introduce more such trains on various other sectors; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

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

(b) The maximum speed of the train is 140 Km per hour. The train is vestibuled and has chair car accommodation. It is fully air-conditioned which is necessary at such speeds so as to cope with the increase in dust intake.

(c) and (d). Decision will be taken based on the experience gained.

**Unfit Water for Human Consumption in Delhi**

3577. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the results of the water samples lifted from handpumps and tube-wells in different areas of Delhi have revealed that the water was unfit for human consumption; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). NEERI collected 73 water samples from shallow hand pumps and on tests water was found unfit for human consumption in 32 of them. 50 water samples from the shallow hand pumps installed in affected colonies of trans-Yamuna area revealed that water was

contaminated and unfit for human consumption. There are more than 300 tube-wells in Delhi. Water samples were lifted from about 60 of them and from some deep hand pumps. The results were found satisfactory and the water fit for human consumption except that some water samples lifted from tubewells installed in Resettlement Colonies were found deficient in residual chlorine. In these cases immediate rectification by increasing doses of chlorine was taken. 2 Tube-wells installed in resettlement colonies one in Himatpuri and the other in Mayur Vihar have shown bacteriologically positive results in spite of chlorination and as such both these tubewells have been closed. Wherever DDA has provided/augmented drinking water through tubewells, water samples are being tested as per specification/norms. DWS and SDU are primarily responsible for providing potable water and are supplying the same in all the areas affected by outbreak of cholera and Gastro-enteritis.

**Conversion of Local Trains into Fast Trains in Gujarat**

3578. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD :  
SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN  
RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some local trains in Gujarat, on Western Railway, have been converted into fast trains which do not stop at small stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to these changes, the commuters from such Stations are facing great hardship; and

(d) if so, the details of alternative arrangements being made for them ?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Creation of National Tourism Board**

3579. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :