

Extension of Run of Shatabdi Express

3616. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRI K.N. PRADHAN :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent by Government for introducing the Shatabdi Express train between New Delhi and Jhansi;

(b) the amount of money spent on strengthening the tracks on this route to withstand the speed of 140 Km. P/hr.; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to extend the train upto Bhopal or Kanpur and if so, the additional expenditure required for strengthening the tracks from Jhansi to these places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Railways do not maintain trainwise account of expenditure. Improvement of infrastructural facilities is a continuous process.

Jhansi-Kanpur line is not electrified and is not suitable for high speed operation. There is a proposal to extend the train upto Bhopal in the future.

Production of Wheat

3617. SHRI BIRINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the production of wheat in the country during the current year;

(b) whether the quantity of wheat produced can fulfil the needs of the country;

(c) the quantity of wheat procured by Government this year; and

(d) whether there is any likely-hood of surplus wheat being added to the reserve stocks of the central pool at the end of the crop season, if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) to (d). Production of wheat during the crop year 1987-88 is provisionally assessed at

44.62 million tonnes. A quantity of 65.18 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured till 12th August, 1988. Wheat is being imported to replenish the buffer stocks.

Superfast Train on Metre Gauge between Delhi-Hyderabad

3618. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to introduce a superfast train on metre gauge connecting Delhi to Hyderabad via. Ajmer, Khandwa, Akola and Mudkhed etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) Does not arise.

(c) Not feasible.

F.P.S. in Delhi

3619. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fair price shops and kerosene outlets required to be opened in Delhi according to the present population and the number existing at present;

(b) the reasons for shortfall thereof, if any; and

(c) the measures taken to open more shops and outlets ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) According to the report received from Delhi Administration, at present 3,387 fair price shops and 1,815 kerosene outlets are functioning in the Union Territory of Delhi. These outlets are considered adequate to meet the requirements of the present population of Delhi. Additional fair price shops and kerosene outlets are opened, as and when necessary.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.