

pansion of railway network, resource mobilisation for financing operations and new projects and creation of new zones and divisions. Five copies of each of these reports have been placed in the Parliament House Library for the convenience of the Hon. Members. So far 750 recommendations have been accepted, out of which 284 have been implemented. The recommendations cover operational, technical, managerial, economic and organisational aspects of Railway working.

[Translation]

Routing Toofan Express via Nawadah Two Days in a Week

282. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no express train in Nawadah-Gaya-Kiul section of the Eastern Railway for the facility of passengers travelling from Nawadah to Delhi and Howrah ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the Toofan Express which runs between Delhi and Howrah via Patna every day proposed to be routed via Nawadah at least for two days in a week ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is no direct Express train from Nawadah, which is situated on Kiul-Gaya branch line section, to Delhi and Howrah.

(b) and (c). Long distance express trains are run taking into consideration certain factors like long distance through traffic, high track speed etc. Since Nawadah is situated on the Kiul-Gaya branch single line section where the track speed is lower and the volume of the through traffic is not sufficient to justify a full train, there is no proposal to divert 7/8 Toofan Express or introduce express trains connecting Nawadah with Howrah and Delhi.

Provision of more Berths in Train for Nawadah from Gaya and for Howrah from Kiul

283. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two second class sleeper berths in 191 UP Magadh Express train have been reserved for Delhi for people of Nawadah from Mughalsarai Station and two sleeper berths have been reserved for Howrah from Kiul ;

(b) if so, whether the same arrangements are considered sufficient for an area having a population of nine lakhs ;

(c) reasons for not providing two berths for Delhi from Gaya in any express train as Mughalsarai is at a considerable distance from Nawadah ; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide daily at least 10 Second Class berths and four first class berths in any express train for Nawadah from Gaya and for Howrah from Kiul ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In addition to 2 second sleeper berths ex. Mughalsarai in Magadh Express for Delhi and 2 second sleeper berths ex. Kiul in Danapur-Howrah Express for Howrah, 2 Second sleeper berths by 10 Dn Dehradun-Howrah Express have also been provided as a quota for Nawadah passengers, ex. Gaya for Howrah.

(c) Nawadah station is situated midway on Kiul-Gaya branch line and is served by main line stations Kiul and Gaya for Journeys towards Howrah and Delhi. There are only two daily fast trains towards Delhi via Gaya viz. 1 Up Howrah-Kalka Mail and 175 Puri-New Delhi Express which are very popular with and fully patronised by through passengers.

(d) Quotas for Nawadah passengers indicated in reply to parts (a) and (b) above have been allotted after taking into consideration the overall availability of accom-