

Railway Reservation Centres at Delhi and Bombay

2048. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some more centres have been opened in Delhi in recent months for railway reservation;

(b) if so, whether the experiment has been found to be satisfactory from the point of view of convenience to the public;

(c) whether similar facilities are being considered to be provided in Bombay also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) A railway Reservation Counter has been opened in Delhi University Campus from April, '86.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Some facilities may be provided in Bombay after computerisation of reservation. The details are still to be worked out.

Financial Allocation for Konkan Railway Project

2049. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has recently made an appeal for special financial allocation for implementation of the Konkan railway project; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard ?

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

(b) Final Location Survey and updating of earlier surveys for different stretches of rail line between Roha and Mangalore have been taken up to evaluate the project as a whole. Further action will be considered on completing the surveys depending upon the financial remunerativeness of the project and availability of resources.

Improvement of Services/Amenities in Jhelum Express

2050. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that various services and amenities viz., water, lights, fans, cleanliness of coaches, toilets, catering etc., available to the passengers travelling by Jhelum Express between Jammu and Pune are very poor and unsatisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve these services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The various services and amenities are generally satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Efforts are being made to further improve the services.

Modernisation of Railway Protection Force

2051. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :
DR. C. S. VERMA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have a proposal to modernise the Railway Protection Force to ensure security of people travelling by trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and