

Number of vehicles departing in the country

6846. SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the number of vehicles operating in the various parts of the country, category and State wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): The term 'vehicles' include all type of vehicles such as bicycle, tricycle, bullock-carts, cars, trucks, etc. These statistics are not maintained by this Ministry. A statement showing the number of registered motor vehicles in various States in India in 1975-76 is, however, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4295/79].

Diversion of trains via Mathura and Agra

6847. SHRI SHAMBHUNATH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of East bound trains from Delhi and New Delhi via Mathura, Agra route have remained at 4 since independence, while the number has gone up to 13 on the Aligarh and Tundla route;

(b) will Government urgently consider the advisability of diverting two fast Express trains via Mathura and Agra to relieve congestion on the Aligarh Tundla route and provide additional and much needed facility to the travelling public on the Mathura Agra Section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Of the trains originating from Delhi/New Delhi/Hazrat Nizamuddin, 7/8 Toofan Express, 63/64 Avadh Express, 149/150 Qutab Narmada Express, 143/144 Kalinga Express (weekly),

77/78 Utkal Express (four days a week) and 137/138 Chhatisgarh Express run over the Mathura-Agra route and cater to the needs of passengers going towards east. In addition, two Metre Gauge Express trains viz. 13/14 Agra-Fort Lucknow Express and 17/18 Vaishali Express also provide transport to passengers going east from Agra. No further east-bound trains from Delhi/New Delhi/Hazrat Nizamuddin can be routed via the Mathura-Agra route because this is the only route available for trains towards Rajasthan and Gujarat on the Western Railway and Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and other states in the south over the Central Railway. Already there are 20 pairs of Mail/Express trains running over the New Delhi-Mathura-Agra route. There are also 9 short distance passenger trains running on the New Delhi-Mathura-Agra section, some upto destinations short of Mathura and some over the entire section. The available sectional capacity on the New Delhi-Mathura-Agra route, therefore, does not make it operationally feasible at present to divert any fast train which is now running over the Aligarh-Tundla route via the Mathura-Agra route. Moreover the section between Agra and Tundla is single line section. The Mathura-Agra route is also not electrified. Diversion of any fast train from the Aligarh-Tundla electrified route to the Mathura-Agra route will, therefore, result in deceleration of the train which is not desirable.

Vacant land in possession of Railways in Olavakode Division/Salem District

6848. SHRI R. KOLANTHAIVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of vacant land in the possession of Railways in Olavakode Division and Salem District in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the proposals for use of the land; and