

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग). कलोल और बिजापुर के बीच चलने वाली यात्री गाड़ियों का मासिक समय-पालन 67 प्रतिशत से 100 प्रतिशत के बीच रहा है, जिसमें से रात्री गाड़ी, अर्थात् 88 डउन कलोल-बिजापुर यात्री गाड़ी, का समय-पालन असंतोषजनक रहा। गाड़ियों के चलने पर सूक्ष्म दृष्टि रखने के लिए निर्देश जारी कर दिये गये हैं तथा इस खण्ड पर गाड़ियों के चलाने में सुधार लाने हेतु सभी अपरिहार्य स्कैनियों के मामलों में कार्रवाई करने के कहा गया है।

Request of Gujarat Government to increase allocation of funds for T.B.

6375. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a request from Gujarat Government to increase the allocation of funds for treatment of T.B. from Rs. 4.95 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs and to expedite import of cobalt unit; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government and the steps taken to satisfy Gujarat Government's demand so as to enable them to treat large number of T.B. patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No such request has come to the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Prevention of Visual Impairment and Control of Blindness

6376. SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Gujarat Government to release Rs. 10,38,000 for training of technologists, books and equipments under the National Pro-

gramme for prevention of visual impairment and control of blindness; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No such request has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(b) Does not arise.

Robbery in Ernakulam-Bombay Jayanti Janta Express

6377. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the armed men pulled the chain of Ernakulam-Bombay Jayanti Janta Express near Dadar Station (Bombay) recently and robbed the women passengers at knife-point—the third incident of its kind during last three months in Bombay area; and

(b) if so, the action taken and the immediate preventive measures contemplated to stop such instances hereafter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) On 15th July, 1980 some culprits stopped 82 Dn. Jayanti Janata Express between Kurla and Sion railway stations at about 0420 hrs. by pulling alarm chain from the unreserved 2nd class ladies compartment. The culprits did not rob the ladies in the compartment. So far no occupant of the ladies compartment has reported about any robbery in the compartment. Further investigations are in progress.

(b) Police Armed Guard of one head constable and two constables escorting No. 82, Dn. Jayanti Janata Express have been placed under suspension by the Police authorities for not assisting the Guard. The following preventive mea-

asures are being taken to prevent such incidents in Bombay area:

1. Armed escorting of night passenger trains is being done by the Government Railway Police.
2. A squad of one Sub-Inspector and 20 other ranks has been raised in the Government Railway Police for carrying out raids to apprehend criminals operating on trains in Bombay.
3. The escorting parties have been instructed to particularly ensure security of lady passengers.
4. Special watch is being kept by the Police on crime prone areas particularly Vikhroli-Bhandup and Sion; and
5. Frequent Nakabandi is done by the Police in Bombay area for arrest of criminals.

Conversion of Laboratory Building for office use at Jaipur

6378. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI BHEEKHABHAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a building in Jaipur for setting up a combined State Food and Drug Laboratory with Central assistance is being used as Offices of the Medical and Health Directorate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a World Health Organisation Consultant has mentioned that conversion of the laboratory building for office use would be a set back for the laboratory services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI 1769 LS—8.

.NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). The W.H.O. Consultant with Rajasthan Government had mentioned in his report that conversion of the laboratory building for administrative purposes will be a set-back for the laboratory services. The State Government who was consulted in the matter have reported that the new building has 85000 sq. ft. of space. The present requirement of the laboratory is estimated at about 1500 sq. ft. This space is being allotted by the Government of Rajasthan immediately to the laboratory. The State Government has assured that as and when the proposed expansion of the laboratory takes place the remaining area will also be made available.

Overbridge at Rayagada

6379. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Eastern Railway authority sent a proposal to Government of Orissa for the construction of road over-bridge in replacement of level crossing at Rayagada;

(b) if so, when the proposal was sent and the main points of the proposal;

(c) the decision taken thereon and the reasons thereof;

(d) whether any indication has been made by that State regarding the inclusion of the said over-bridge in the budget of the next financial year; and

(e) the measures taken by the Railways in case the State Government does not respond to make available the funds therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e). A scheme for construction of a road over-bridge in replacement of existing level crossing near Rayagada was considered in the past by S.E. Railway. The Govt. of Orissa were also to finalise the scheme and provide matching funds in