

Linking Western and Central Railway at Bombay for Suburban Trains

10137. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the proposed Railway project of linking Western Railway and Central Railway at Bombay for suburban trains is expected to be completed ;

(b) whether by the completion of this project, the commuters of Bombay will get relief and better facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c). A Flyover is presently under construction at Bandra, to connect the slow lines of the Western Railway to the harbour branch lines of the Central Railway. This will enable running of suburban trains from Andheri on Western Railway to VT on the Central Railway. These additional services will help the people living in the residential areas to the north of Bandra and the central business district near VT. The Flyover is expected to be commissioned by December, 1981.

Spreading Yoga in Foreign Countries through Indian Representatives

10138. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has taken steps to attract more and more people for the improvement of physical and mental health through yoga in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to popularise yoga amongst the common people as well as spreading it in foreign countries through our Indian Yoga representatives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Government has taken various steps to popularise Yoga amongst the common people in the country. It is also becoming popular abroad.

News-Item Captioned "Train Derailment Attracts Looters"

10139. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in *Times of India* dated the 11th April, 1981 under the heading "train derailment attracts looters"?

(b) if so, whether a large number of passengers who were waiting for the trains in the wake of derailment of six goods wagons at Malikpeth in Sholapur on the 10th April, 1981 were looted by miscreants;

(c) whether no timely help was provided by the Railway authorities there;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes.

(b) There is no report about any passenger having been looted there.