

Decentralisation of Ticket/Season Ticket Booking windows

10162. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated 2nd January, 1981, from a resident of Kandiwali, Bombay; demanding decentralisation of ticket/season ticket booking windows in Bombay suburban area;

(b) the decision which Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, when the same is likely to be taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, a representation for opening of booking offices in Housing colonies in Bombay Suburban areas has been received;

(b) and (c) It is not feasible to provide booking windows for issue of season tickets in the housing colonies of Bombay suburban areas. However, City Booking agencies have been provided in important localities for sale of journey tickets.

Conversion of Viramgam-Okha Railway line

10163. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL:

SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Viramgam-Okha conversion Programme has been discontinued beyond Hapa Railway Station in Western Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) whether Government are aware that this discontinuation has affected the trade and activities at the ports which were to be linked with this conversion programme; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider to complete the conversion of Viramgam-Okha as per schedule for the benefit of the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN), : (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

New Jamnagar Railway Station

10164. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the site of the new Jamnagar Railway Station in the Western Railway has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present position in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY

AFFAIRS.(SHRI MALIKARJUN); (a) Yes.

(b) The location of the new station is at a place known as Gandhinagar which is about 3.5 Kms. from existing station and the same is connected to Bedi Road. It will be opened in Phase II of the Viramgam-Okha/Porbandar gauge conversion project.