

the steps proposed to be taken in its regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). 7 more vacancies have since been filled up and action is on hand to fill another two. As regards the balance, suitable qualified volunteers are not available.

Suburban Terminus at Bombay V.T.

7767. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan to re-organise the Suburban Terminus at Bombay V.T. has been prepared by the Central Railway;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan;

(c) when the plan would be implemented; and

(d) what is the financial implication of the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The work of remodelling of Bombay V.T. suburban yard to provide double discharge platform for smoother entry and exit was included in 1977-78 Budget. However, the work could not be progressed at site due to number of constraints in carrying out the remodelling of the yard under running traffic conditions without causing serious dislocation to the commuter traffic. A scheme has now been developed in which the Goods shed at Carnac Bunder would be shifted to an alternate site on the Western Railway. In the space so vacated an additional platform and line will be provided to block one of the suburban lines in Bombay V.T. yard to allow the sanctioned scheme to progress. This work is estimated to cost Rs. 9.6 crores.

Plan to remodel Bombay VT.

7768 SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan to remodel Bombay V.T. Suburban Terminus on the Lines of Church Gate (having double discharge facility) is ready since a couple of years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a constant demand from commuters to provide an exit at Masjid and of V.T. Station (either a bridge or a subway);

(c) what are the reasons for not fulfilling any of these two necessities;

(d) when these facilities are likely to be provided; and

(e) what is the financial implication of this project?

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