

Late Running of Frontier Mail

10253. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 31 UP and 32 Down Frontier Mail has been running late considerably during the last few months;

(b) if so, the number of days on which it reached its destination with a delay of more than one hour during the months of January, February, March and April, 1982 till to date; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for punctual running of this train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The punctuality performance of 31 Up/32 Dn Frontier Mail has not been very satisfactory.

(b) 31/82 Delhi-Amritsar Frontier Mail reached Amritsar more than one hour late on 19 occasions and Delhi on 12 occasions during January '82 to 15-4-82.

(c) A close watch is being kept over the running of 31/32 Frontier Mail at all levels.

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Himachal Pradesh

10254. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have proposed to the Government of India or opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya (Central School) Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh during the Academic Year, 1982-83;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the likely date by which a decision would be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c): A proposal has been received by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Hamirpur. The State Government has been requested to make available the requisite physical facilities like land and building, etc. The proposal will be examined further when the requisite facilities are made available by the State Government.

Speeding up of Himachal Express

10255. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been received for speeding up of Himachal Express, running between Delhi-Nangal Dam consequent upon the slowing down of this train during the past few years;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Railway Administration in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) steps proposed to be taken for speeding up of this train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). There have been demands for speeding up of 53/54 Himachal Express. Speeding up of 53/54 Express is not operationally feasible under the present condition of track as well as due to path difficulties.