

East trains between union and state capitals

(c) the dates with effect from which they have been introduced or are scheduled to be introduced in each case along with the period of time saved ?

3210. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to introduce fast trains between the Union and State capital/important Junctions during the current financial year :

(b) if so, the names of the terminals and the time span of journeys ; and

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURI) : (a) to (c) Already Delhi is connected by fast trains with most State capitals except those of Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim which do not have rail links upto their Capital towns During the year 1983-84 (upto July '83) the following fast trains connecting State Capitals with Delhi/New Delhi have been introduced :

Train No.	Date of introduction	Connecting State capitals	Journey time to/from Delhi/ New Delhi	Time saved (As compared to previous fastest train)
505 Delhi-Ahmadabad Express	1-4-1983	Ahmadabad	16'-30''	2'-25''
506 Ahmadabad-Delhi Express	1-4-1983	„	16'-45''	1'-35''
195 New Delhi-Kalka Express	3-6-1983	Chandigarh	3'-48''	1'-27''
196 Kalka-New Delhi Express	3-6-1983	„	4'-08''	0'-42''
195/9KS New Delhi-Kalka/ Shimla Express	-do-	Shimla	9'-25''	2'-10''
10KS/196 Shimla/Kalka-New Delhi Express	-do-	„	9'-50''	1'-25''

There are proposals under examination to provide a fast train between Bhopal and New Delhi and to convert Patna-Delhi service into a daily one and these if found feasible would be implemented.

Drop out rates at secondary level

3211. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the drop out rates at the (i) primary, (ii) secondary level for the country and each one of the States/ Union Territories of the Indian Union during the past three year, including then current year, separately ;

(b) whether any analysis has been made of the situation in the States/Union Territories where the drop out rate is quite high as compared to the national average ; and

(c) if so, a brief outline thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGNON) : (a) The relevant information, pertaining to the latest three years for which confirmed statistics are available, is set out in the statements laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6866/83].