

(a) whether representations have been received to increase the speed of 7384/7383 Maharashtra Express running between Gaundia and Kolhapur under the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Some representations, including from Shri Digvijay Khanvilkar, MLA, Maharashtra, have been received in this regard. The possibility of speeding up of 7383/7384 Maharashtra Express has been examined but not found feasible due to operational factors including reversals besides a large number of halts.

[English]

Recruitment in Delhi Police

4888. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to recruit persons from all over the country for the Delhi Police;

(b) whether the Delhi Police is recruiting persons barring the Eastern and North Eastern States; and

(c) the steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

EMU Car Shed at Barddhaman

4889. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY:
SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY:
DR. ASIM BALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether from the operational point of view there is urgent need to have a EMU Car Shed at Barddhaman;

(b) whether in absence of such shed, EMU services were disturbed frequently; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to run EMU service from Barddhaman to Sealdah, Bandel, Howrah (both directions), Dankuni, Kharagpur, Barakar and Chittaranjan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) EMU/MEMU services already connect Barddhaman to Sealdah, Bandel, Howrah, Dankuni, Barakar. Provision of EMU services between Barddhaman and Kharagpur is not feasible due to operational constraints. Introduction of EMU services from Barddhaman to Chittaranjan is not

feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Industries in Dahanu

4890. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any communications from Industries' Association in Thane District complaining about the ill-effects of the Government Circular dated 20 June, 1991 on the Industrial growth of the Dahanu; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The action in the matter would need to be taken after the case pending in the Supreme Court has been disposed of.

Scientific Laboratories

4891. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish Scientific Laboratories for the Agriculture in every district headquarters of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of facilities proposed to be made available in these laboratories for the farmers;

(d) the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited by establishing these laboratories;

(e) the annual target fixed for establishing these laboratories; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. However the Government propose to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each district of the country.

(b) Out of 503 rural districts, 252 districts have been covered by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Details are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) The aim of KVK is to help the farmers to adopt the latest agricultural technology through skill based training, on-farm testing on crops, livestock, horticulture, fisheries etc., frontline demonstrations, and