

The average number of passengers left on the waiting list by 2381/2382, 2303/2304 Poorva-Express and 2311/2312 Kalka Mail in different classes varies as under

<i>Down Direction towards Howrah</i>	
I AC	1
II AC	4 to 8
Sleeper Class	23 to 88
<i>Up Direction towards Delhi</i>	
I AC	5 to 10
II AC	20 to 40
Sleeper Class	300 to 400

(d) No. Sir 2421/2422 weekly Rajdhani was introduced between Delhi and Bhubaneshwar via Howrah w.e.f. 1.4.94.

(e) Does not arise

(f) & (g) No. Sir. However, 3039/3040 Howrah-Delhi Janta Express has been restored w.e.f. 1.10.96 providing additional accommodation between Howrah and Delhi.

#### **Frequency of EMU Trains**

1906. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plans to augment the frequency of EMU Trains being operated as the Ring Railways Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are operating any feeder bus service to provide a link between Ring Railway stops and the nearest DTC stops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Telecommunication System in Nizamabad**

1907. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunication system is not satisfactory in Nizamabad town of Andhra Pradesh since

most of the telephones provided there do not function properly; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve telephone services and to attend to the telephone complaints promptly?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The telecommunication services are generally satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. However, following steps are being taken by the Government for further improvement of services:

- i. Replacement of old and worn out equipment.
- ii. Computerisation of fault repair service.
- iii. Replacement of fault prone cables by jelly filled cables.
- iv. Laying of cables in ducts.
- v. Induction of modern testing aids.
- vi. Providing reliable transmission media.

[Translation]

#### **Orders by BSP to HEC, Ranchi**

1908. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of work orders given to HEC, Ranchi during each of the last three years by Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether the work orders given were sufficient in number;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the companies to whom the work orders were given during the above period which could have been handled by HEC;

(e) the amount spent on the work orders given to these companies; and

(f) the amount spent on each work orders separately given to HEC during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### **Policy for Changing Names of Railway Station**

1909. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is alone competent to approve change in the names of Railway Stations; and