

(d) the number of persons benefited from the daily Ring Railway Service in Delhi till date; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Union Government for the development of Ring Railway Service in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) & (b). In order to decongest traffic from Shahdara in the East and Tughlakabad in South, Ring Railway was started in 1970 and completed before Asiad. These lines were originally planned as Goods avoiding lines and they were not planned to carry commuters. Presently ring railway operate 7 trains in the clockwise and 4 trains in the anti-clockwise direction during morning and evening peak hour traffic. The number of Goods trains on these lines is so high, that there is no scope for running additional passenger trains on this route.

(c) No amount was allocated during the last 3 years to Ring Railway Service in Delhi.

(d) The number of person travelled daily by the Ring Railway Service in Delhi as under:-

Year	No. of Passengers
1994-95	14,27,000
1995-96	14,98,000
1996-97(Oct'96)	8,47,000

(e) In the meeting of National Capital Region, Planning Board held on 24.9.96, it was decided that the feasibility study for laying of additional tracks along the Ring Rail in Delhi should be conducted by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in co-ordination with National Capital Region Planning Board. Under the revised Allocation of Business Rules 1986, proposal for such rail based Urban Transport Projects are now to be processed by the MUA & Employment and the State Government concerned.

[English]

Relay Centre at Durgapur

2922. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) the details of Doordarshan/AIR Kendras in West Bengal, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a TV centre at Durgapur, West Bengal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Statement indicating status of Doordarshan/AIR Kendras in West Bengal is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

STATEMENT

TV Transmitters	AIR Kendras
State	Existing
West Bengal	Calcutta Shantiniketan (int.) HPT Asansol Calcutta Calcutta (DD II) Calcutta (DD III) Kurseong Murshidabad LPT Alipurduar Balurghat Bardhaman Contai Darjeeling Jhargram Kalimpong Lalna Kharagpur Krishnanagar Maldah Medinipur Puruliya Ranaghat Shantiniketan VLPT Egra Jhalda
	Calcutta Kurseong Siliguri Murshidabad

Gauge Conversion

2923. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kalol-Katosan-Ranuj railway line is proposed to be detached for conversion from Meter Gauge to Broad Gauge;

(b) if so, whether alternative arrangement is made by the Railway authorities for regular passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). There is no plan to convert this section to Broad Gauge.