

- (iv) *Develop Computer Aided Long Range Decision Support System - Task Force set up with World Bank Assistance.*

The development of software-based Investment Planning model, the LRDSS has made considerable progress with in the scope of the terms of reference and resources available. Till date, LRDSS has completed the Freight Forecasting Model and made freight forecasts for the year 2000-01. The LRDSS team has also identified the sections where bottlenecks are likely to occur in 2000-01. Based on the progress made, Railway Board has accorded approval for the full blown development of a Long-range Decision Support System for aiding investment planning and augmentation of capacity on Rail Network.

- (V) *Unification of various services*

Gupta-Narain Committee set up on 15.4.94 to examine unification of various railway services in a common cadre, had submitted its Part-II Report in October, 1995. The salient features of the report are as under :

- (aa) The Committee has recommended that merger of all Railway services into one would neither be feasible nor in the best interest of the organisation. They have suggested the following :
- (i) IRSME and IRSEE should be merged into one service;
 - (ii) All Transportation and Commercial posts at Divisional levels (except Junior Scale posts) may be converted into combined Traffic post;
 - (iii) An integrated inter-seniority list should be prepared and several other measures as recommended by the Committee, taken for improvements in the inter-personnel service.
- (bb) The Committee has recommended that the system of CRB not holding any Departmental portfolio should be reintroduced.
- (cc) The Committee has suggested no change in the entry level educational qualifications but has recommended various measures for greater in-service training inputs including crash courses in relevant disciplines for officers of various services.
- (dd) The age limit of 56 years for empanelment for the post of GM may be reduced to 55 years.

- (ee) The age limit for Departmental candidates working in Group 'B' Service and wishing to appear in the Engg. Service Exam and Civil Services Exam may be raised to 35 years.

[Translation]

Trains Cancelled During Gulf War

3999. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the trains cancelled during the Gulf war;

(b) the names of the trains out of them which have been started again; and

(c) the reasons for not starting Hatia-Varanasi train again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) All these train were restored.

(c) Hatia-Varanasi Express was cancelled on 25-1-91 and was restored to run on 30-4-91. However, it was subsequently cancelled from 1-7-91 due to poor patronisation.

STATEMENT

(a) List of trains cancelled during the Gulf War :

1.	3133/3134	Sealdah-Mughalsarai Express
2.	4047/4048	Delhi-Balamau Express
3.	8631/8632	Hatia-Varanasi Express
4.	4265/4266	Dehradun-Varanasi Express
5.	7339/7340	Dadar-Nagpur Express
6.	1269/1270	Bhopal-Rajkot Express (on Rajkot-Ujjain section)
7.	2853/2854	Durg-Bhopal Amarkantak Express
8.	9809-9810	Ahmedabad-Bhavnagar Express
9.	5717/5718	Katihar-Guwahati Dooars Express
10.	3039/3040	Howrah-Delhi Express (on Howrah-Mughalsarai section)
11.	3283/3284	Bhiwani-Danapur Ganga-Yamuna Express
12.	3213/3214	Bhiwani-Danapur Ganga-Yamuna Express
13.	3049/3050	Amritsar-Howrah Express
14.	9903/9904	Ahmedabad-Delhi Express

15.	6511/6512	Madras-Dadar Express
16.	1057/1058	Dadar-Amritsar Express
17.	4309/4310	Dehradun-Ujjain Ujjaini Express
18.	2473/2474	Delhi-Muzaffarpur Shaheed Express
19.	2449/2450	Delhi-Muzaffarpur Saryu-Yamuna Express
20.	7489/7490	Cochin-Varanasi Express
21.	7491/7492	Tirupati-Varanasi Express
22.	8089/8090	Tirupati-Howrah Express (on Howrah-Vijaywada section)
23.	6093/6094	Madras-Lucknow Express
24.	6017/6018	Kanniya Kumari-Jammu Tawi Himsagar Express
25.	6687/6688	Jammu Tawi-Mangalore Navyug Express
26.	5045/5046	Ahmadabad-Gorakhpur Express
27.	5011/5012	Cochin-Gorakhpur Express
28.	7081/7082	Cochin-Indore Express
29.	5089/5090	Gorakhpur-Hyderabad Express
30.	6365/6366	Trichy-Cochin Express
31.	3035/3036	Howrah-Muzaffarpur Express
32.	2159/2160	Howrah-Gwalior Chambal Express
33.	2181/2182	Howrah-Agra Express
34.	2161/2162	Dadar-Agra Lashkar Express
35.	1171/1172	Howrah-Indore Shipra Express
36.	2537/2538	Guwahati-Howrah Express
37.	4245/4246	Surat-Varanasi Tapti Ganga Express
38.	4247/4248	Vadodara-Okha Express
39.	4647/4648	Delhi-Amritsar Flying Mail
40.	6591/6592	Bangalore-Hospet Express
41.	6307/6308	Ernakulam-Cannanore Express
42.	6179/6180	Madras-Tirunalvelli Express
43.	6799/6800	Madras-Rameswaran Express (on Madurai-Rameswaran section)
44.	7021/7022 and 8651/8652	Nizamuddin-Secunderabad/Visakhapatnam Dakshin/Link Express
45.	9017/9018	Bombay-Hapa Express
46.	329/330	Pune-Hyderabad Passenger

[English]

Free Education

4000. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any agreement according which the management of the Steel Plants under SAIL have to provide free education to the children of the employees upto matriculation standard:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) number of such schools running in the Bokaro Steel City?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A provision for providing free education to the employees children upto Matriculation standard in the schools run by the steel plants of SAIL, was made in the memorandum of agreement reached at NJCS level on 30.7.1975 at New Delhi.

The facility still continues as the same has been retained in the subsequent memoranda of agreement reached at NJCS level.

(c) The number of such schools running in the Bokaro Steel city, are mentioned below :

Level of the School	Number of Schools
Middle School level	15
High School level	4

[Translation]

Waiting List in M.P.

4001. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list of telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise, and

(b) the time by which waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) : (a) The number of persons in the waiting list of telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise as on 30.11.96 is in the attached Statement.

(b) The target for providing telephone connections in M.P. during 1996-97 is 45,000 lines, of which 20,378 lines have been provided up to 30.11.96. Another about 25,000 lines are likely to be provided by 31.3.97. The remaining waiting list will be cleared during 1997-98.