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4. Gurgaon	37
5. Hissar	88
6. Jind	68
7. Kaithal	31
8. Karnal	47
9. Kurukshetra	34
10. Mohindergarh	25
11. Panipat	19
12. Rewari	28
13. Rohtak	56
14. Sirsa	56
15. Sonapat	39
Total	750

Statement-III

District-wise Waiting List as on 31.3.96

S.No.	Name of SSA	Waiting List as on 31.3.96
1.	Ambala	3859
2.	Bhewani	3528
3.	Faridabad	9416
4.	Gurgaon	13274
5.	Hisar	8157
6.	Jind	949
7.	Kaithal	2235
8.	Karnal	6048
9.	Kurukshetra	6077
10.	Mohinder Garh	165
11.	Panipat	7601
12.	Rewari	1868
13.	Rohtak	3333
14.	Sirsa	2010
15.	Sonapat	5252
Total		76452

Daily Running of Saraighat Express

870. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 178 on November 21, 1996 and state :

(a) whether any steps are being taken to remove the hinderances of operational constraints thereby to run Saraighat Express daily instead of tri-weekly; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Removal of operational constraints including those of line capacity and terminal capacity is a continuous process on Indian Railways subject to feasibility and availability of resources. Augmentation of terminal and maintenance facilities at Howrah is a sanctioned work.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Funds Spent by Railways on Advertisements

871. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the funds spent by the Railways on the advertisements from June, 1, 1996 to till date; and

(b) the details of the heads in which funds spent on the advertisements have been shown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Railways have spent an amount of Rs. 8,18,62,877/- approx. on advertisements during the period from 1.6.96 to till date.

(b) Funds spent on Railway advertisements are debited against the departments/projects relevant to the contents of each advertisement keeping the expenditure within the budget allocation against each department/project.

[English]

Opening of T.V. Relay Centre, Kalna, West Bengal

872. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of TV relay centre at present in West Bengal, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new relay centres in the State particularly in Kalna;

(c) if so, the details thereof location-wise; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Details are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) to (d) While a Low Power TV transmitter (LPT) has already been commissioned at Kalna, the location-wise details of TV transmitter projects presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State are given in the Statement-II. The normal lead time involved in implementation of an LPT/VLPT and an HPT project is about 1-2 years and 3-4 years respectively after approval of the scheme by the competent authority.

Statement-I*Location-wise Details of Existing TV Transmitters in West Bengal (as on 20.02.1997)*

HPT	LPT	VLPT
Asansol	Alipurduar	Egra
Calcutta	Balurghat	Jhalda
Calcutta (DD2)	Bardhaman	
Calcutta (DD3)	Contai	
Kurseong	Darjeeling	
Murshidabad	Jhargram	
	Kalimpong	
	Kharagpur	
	Kalna	
	Krishnanagar	
	Maldah	
	Medinipur	
	Puruliya	
	Ranaghat	
	Shantiniketan	

HPT : High Power TV Transmitter

LPT : Low Power TV Transmitter

VLPT : Very Low Power TV Transmitter

Statement-II*Locations where TV Transmitter Projects are presently under Implementation/Envisaged to be set up in West Bengal (as on 31.01.1997)*

Under Implementation	Envisaged
<i>LPTs</i>	<i>HPTs</i>
Farakka	Balurghat
Rayna	Kharagpur
Murshidabad (DD2)	Krishnanagar
Basanti	Shantiniketan
Bishnupur	
	<i>LPTs/VLPTs</i>
	Garhbeta
	Balrampur
	Cooch Bihar
	Baghmandi

Proposal to Run 'Palace on Wheels' Train

873. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to start "Palace on Wheels" type train covering different centres of Eastern region by involving different State Tourism Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) In May 1994, Global bids were invited by Ministry of Railways for ownership marketing and management of five tourist trains on popular circuits including the Eastern Circuit covering Calcutta-Gaya (Rajgir/Nalanda)-Varanasi (Sarnath)-Gorakhpur (Lumbini/Kushinagar)-Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Calcutta. The only bid which was received did not conform to the terms and conditions of the tender and was, therefore, not accepted.

Survey for Operating EMU Local Trains

874. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to operate EMU local Trains from Platform No. 5 of Dum Dum railway station to different directions during the peak hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The track connections available from Platform No. 5 of Dum Dum permit movement only towards Bongaon and Circular Railway (non electrified)

(c) Does not arise.

Flight from Agartala to Bagdogra

875. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate flight from Agartala to Bagdogra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) At present, Indian Airlines has no plans to operate its services from Agartala to Bagdogra due to inadequate traffic demand. Private Operators with suitable aircraft are, however, being encouraged to add more stations in their network including Agartala and Bagdogra.

Flight for Gangtok

876. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate flights to and from Gangtok;