

There are 32 manufacturers producing C-DOT Digital Exchanges in the country. The total production capacity available for manufacture of Automatic Exchanges on C-DOT technology is 2.87 million lines per annum. The annual production depends upon the availability of orders. The total investment made by C-DOT manufacturers is about Rs. 115 crores.

In addition, a capacity of about 4 million lines per annum exists in the country for manufacture of automatic exchanges based on other technologies.

#### Statements

*Number of Faults/100 Stations/Months for the Year 1995-96*

Sl.No.	Circle/Metro/Distt.	No.
1	2	3
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	19.9
2.	Andhra Pradesh	12.4
3.	Assam	15.4
4.	Bihar	12.8
5.	Gujarat	22.1
6.	Haryana	15.4
7.	Himachal Pradesh	16.0
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	15.8
9.	Karnataka	13.8
10.	Kerala	14.1
11.	Madhya Pradesh	11.9
12.	Maharashtra	14.6
13.	North-East	8.9
14.	Orissa	11.7
15.	Punjab	17.0
16.	Rajasthan	20.1
17.	Tamil Nadu	10.3
18.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	15.4
19.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	19.0
20.	West Bengal	14.9
21.	Mumbai	14.8
22.	Calcutta	20.6
23.	Delhi	24.0
24.	Chennai	20.7

#### Daily running of Train

2893. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4158 on December 19, 1996 and state:

(a) whether it is not possible to remove hinderance of operational constraints to run 2815/2816 New Delhi-Puri Express daily;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to remove technical difficulties by converting the train into air-brake so that AC 3-tier coaches are attached with it;

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be converted into air-brake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Daily running of 2815/2816 New Delhi-Puri Express is not feasible at present owing to path constraints and terminal constraints as on the other three days 8475/8476 Neelachal Express runs on the same path.

(c) to (e) Conversion of long distance trains into Air Brake and provision of AC 3-tier coach is being done in a phased manner. Purshottam Express between New Delhi and Puri has been provided with Air Brake coaches and AC 3-tier during 1996-97. Conversion of 2815/2816 Puri Express will also be considered alongwith other similar demands in later years.

#### Budge-Budge to Falta Rail Line

2894. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct new Railway line from Budge-Budge to Falta in West Bengal;

(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) to (c) The survey has been included in the year 1997-98 and would be taken up after the budget has been passed.

Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.