

[English]

Local Trains in Mumbai

3061. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is persistent demand to introduce mere local trains in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the public demand in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Augmentation of Suburban trains in Mumbai area is a continuous process depending upon the availability of EMU rakes and other resources.

However, for the convenience of local commuters in Mumbai suburban area, the number of 12-car services have been increased from 104 to 148 w.e.f. 28.6.96 which provide additional accommodation for commuters as compared to 9-car rake.

Seizure of Arms

3062. SHRI MODHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI PINAKI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge quantities of RDX and terrorists' arms and equipments had been seized in Delhi during June 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The details of arms, ammunition and explosives seized by the Delhi Police in June 1996 are indicated in the statement attached

(c) The persons involved in these seizures have been arrested and action as per law has been initiated against them.

STATEMENT

| S. No. | Arms/ammunition & Explosives seized | Date of seized |
|--------|--|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | 1 AK-56, rifle, 2 Magazines with 59 cartgs. | 7.6.1996 |
| 2. | 1.325 Kg. RDX, 5 timers | 7.6.1996 |
| 3. | 1 AK-56 rifle with 2 magazines 60 cartridges. 3 Kg. RDX, 2 Chinese grenades. | 12.6.1996 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 4. | 1.150 Kg. RDX, 1 timer, 1 Gas cylinder, 1 detonator and other tools to make IED. | 15.6.1996 |
| 5. | 500 grms. RDX, 2 detonators and 1 Binocular. | 27.6.1995 |
| 6. | 1 stick hand grenade | 27.6.1996 |
| 7. | 2 IED, 2 hand grenades. | 27.6.1996 |

Conversation from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge

3063. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are representations for the conversion of Morvi-Navalakhli-Maorkaner and Dahusara-Maliya Metre Gauge lines on the Western Railway into Broad Gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The work of conversion of this line has been included in railway budget 1995-96 and outlay of Rs. 35 crores under 'BOLT' has been provided for 1996-97 as the work is being taken up through private capital under 'BOLT' Scheme.

Dogri Language

3064. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people to Jammu have been agitating for inclusion of Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government there to and the stand taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Demands have been made to include Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the constitution. However, the question of inclusion or otherwise of any or more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the constitution is under consideration of the Government.

Tibet Refugees

3065. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of refugees from Tibet staying in India at present, State-wise; and