

Arrival/Departure time of Bombay-Delhi and Saurashtra Express

4724. SHRI S. N. VEKARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the arrival and departure timings of Bombay-Delhi Rajdhani Express and Saurashtra Express from Baroda;

(b) whether the Government propose to change the timings of these trains to provide proper link service to the passengers of Rajkot and its adjoining areas coming from Bombay; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 2951 Rajdhani Express arrives Vadodara at 21.30 hours and 9015 Saurashtra Express leaves Vadodara at 16.55 hours.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 3 pairs of trains viz. 9015/9016 Saurashtra Express, 9017/9018 Saurashtra Janata Express and 9005/9006 Saurashtra Mail are already available between Bombay and Rajkot.

[English]

Second Broad-Gauge Terminal for Madras

4725. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take up work on the development of a second broad-gauge terminal for Madras; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Survey and land acquisition work for provision of second coaching terminal in Villivakkam-Annanagar-Keyambedu area has been taken up.

Villivakkam to Annanagar Railway Line

4726. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct railway line from Villivakkam to Annanagar; and

(b) if so the details thereof and when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Air Taxi Service for Ratnagiri

4727. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start air taxi service for Ratnagiri;

(b) if so, the time by which this service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Air Taxi Services are run by private operators and they can operate