

Satellite Linkage of Police Stations T-35

3043. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of POLNET using satellite for linkages of police stations all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Tenth Finance Commission has released necessary funds to the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have accorded approval in Principle to the POLNET project;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which the Union Government is likely to clear the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (g). The Government proposes to have a satellite based communication network dedicated to the police and independent of the Department of Telecommunications. The project envisages provision of connectivity to all the police stations in the country via V-Sats. 833 V-SATS have been presently earmarked for various States Union Territories and Central Para-Military Forces. A total amount of Rs. 154.20 crores is involved in the Scheme out of which Rs. 77.51 crores (non-recurring) has been recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission as the share of the States except Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The amount allocated to the States by the Tenth Finance Commission will be utilised, with the consent of the States, by the Central Government for the purchase of equipment to be installed in the States. The Government is interacting with the States to expedite implementation of the project which is envisaged to be completed in approximately four years.

[Translation]

Rail Link with North Eastern Region T56

3044. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities connected so far with the North Eastern regions of the country;

(b) the number of cities likely to be linked with the said regions; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to link city of Jaipur with the North Eastern regions directly by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Guwahati is directly linked with a number of cities/towns including Calcutta, Bangalore, Delhi, Vishakhapatnam, Trivandrum, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Bombay, Gorakhpur, Cochin, Madras, Lucknow, Jammu etc.

(b) After the gauge conversions of Dimapur-Tinsukia section, 4055/4056 Brahmaputra Mail and 5659/5660 Kamrup Express are proposed to be extended to Tinsukia to link more areas of the North East.

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Sachkhand Express T57

3045. SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to run Sachkhand Express between Nanded-Amritsar daily instead of weekly and to increase the reservation quota of passenger trains running/passing from the Nanded;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government have received any memorandum in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) within the existing operational and resource constraints it is not possible to consider increase in frequency. As regards enhancement of reservation quota at Nanded, computerised reservation facility linked with Secunderabad and Mumbai PRSs have been provided at this station. The passengers of Nanded can seek reservation on first come first served basis in all trains on these PRSs (Passengers Reservation System).

(d) Yes, Sir.

Construction of Platforms T58

3046. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct additional platforms and additional rail roads in Alleppey Railway Station of the Trivandrum Division; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agro-based Industries T59

3047. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :
SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of schemes under which concessions are being provided to the agro-based units alongwith the details of concessions provided so far during the last three years, unit-wise;