

(b) Construction of Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jogdalpur new broad gauge line (235 kms.) has been included in Railway Budget of 1995-96 at an estimated cost of Rs. 369 crores. SAIL will bear the actual cost of construction between Dallirajahara and Rowghat (95 kms.). Work can be taken up after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and deposit of money by SAIL and other parties. Ministry of Environment and Forests to use of Bailadila Mines, and have indicated that they would sign the MOU and release the amount only after the clearance from MOEF is received.

#### **Transfer of Doctors**

4033. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of doctors working on the same place for more than ten years in the Western Railway;

(b) the number of doctors who are being transferred frequently by the Chief Medical Officer, Western Railway without any reason; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) 44 (Forty four)

(b) Nil

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Use of Machines for Official Language**

4034. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether dozen of machines like computers, telexes, tele-printers etc., have been made bilingual;

(b) if so, the percentage of work done on the Devnagari machine in comparison to the work done on Roman script machines;

(c) whether work on the Devnagari script machines is hindered due to departmental files being only in English;

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Departments for equal utilisation of Devnagri script machines; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for doing cent percent work in the official language in those Sections/Departments which have been declared Hindi knowing departments under sections 10(4) and 8(4) of the Official Language Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the quarterly progress reports received for the quarter ending March, 1996, the percentages of bilingual

(Hindi-English) electronic typewriters and computers of the total number of electronic typewriters and computers being used in Ministries/Departments are 73.3 and 57.7 respectively. The percentage of the work being done in Hindi on these machines is 36.5.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Necessary orders are issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time that the employees having working knowledge of Hindi should do their work in Hindi only. This is also ensured during the inspections conducted by this Department. Deficiencies, wherever noticed, are brought to the notice of higher officers of the concerned Departments.

[English]

#### **Purchase by Railway Hospitals**

4035. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any standard of quantity or technical specifications have been laid down for the purchase of Medical consumables, medical disposables and Medical electronic equipment by the Railway Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the particulars of purchases made by the Railway Hospitals of the medical disposables and consumables during 1994-95 and 1995-96 item-wise; and

(d) the names of manufacturers and suppliers of the said items who are registered of regular suppliers to the various Railway Hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A well defined procurement system conforming to quality standards and other technical specifications is available on Indian Railways which is updated from time to time according to the needs.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express Trains**

4036. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN .  
SHRI A.C. JOS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for running of the Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) whether any such new trains are proposed to be introduced during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Shatabdi Expresses are fully AC trains with sitting accommodation and introduced between points having sufficient day time intercity type of passenger traffic.

Rajdhani Expresses are fully AC trains run between State Capitals and Delhi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Rajdhani Expresses are planned during the current year as under :

1. New Delhi-Patna via Lucknow (bi-weekly)

2. New Delhi-Ahmedabad (weekly) after gauge conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad line.

3. Diversion of Hazrat Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Express via Goa.

Item No. 2 will be introduced after completion of the gauge conversion between Ajmer-Mehsana and Item No. 3 after commissioning of the Konkan Railway and also manufacture of additional coaches.

#### **Extension of Train**

4037 SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken action on the demand for extension of Kannur-Trivandrum Express upto Mangalore; and

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

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

(b) Examined but has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

#### **Himgiri Express**

4038. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Himgiri Express as a superfast train;

(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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not fulfil the criterion of superfast train

[Translation]

#### **Booking Windows**

4039 VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to open additional booking windows at Kota station in view of the increasing rush of passengers and trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The existing counters are considered adequate to deal with the present level of traffic handled at Kota station.

#### **Forest Villages**

4040 SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of forest villages in Madhya Pradesh and the number of villages out of them converted into the Revenue villages;

(b) whether the final clearance has been obtained from the Union Government for converting the remaining villages into Revenue villages;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d) There are 1346 forest villages in 30 districts of Madhya Pradesh in respect of which proposal have been received from the state Government for renewal of pattas of occupants of these forest villages. Although the state Government had earlier forwarded 10 proposals for conversion of 216 forest villages into revenue villages, however during the processing, these proposals were later on revised by the State Government to renewal of pattas over forest land instead of denotification of forest land to revenue area. In view of the revised proposals, the issue of considering conversion of forest villages into revenue villages in Madhya Pradesh does not arise.

[English]

#### **Railway Electrification**

4041. SHRI BASDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :