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**Trains running between Delhi and Jind via
Bahadurgarh and Rohtak**

2895. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains running at present from Delhi to Jind via Bahadurgarh and Rohtak;

(b) whether it is a fact that no new passenger train has been introduced on this route from the last fifteen years whereas the number of passengers on this route has increased manifold;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce any new passenger train keeping in view the increasing number of passengers on this route;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 18 pairs of trains are running between Delhi/New Delhi & Jind via Bahadurgarh, Rohtak, at present.

(b) No, Sir. Following trains introduced on Delhi/New Delhi Rohtak-Jind section during last 15 years :

1. 6031/6032 Jammu Tawi-Chennai Express (tri-weekly)
2. 6687/6688 Jammu Tawi-Mangalore Navyug Express (weekly)
3. 4721/4722 New Delhi-Sri Ganganagar Express
4. 3413/3483-3414/3484 Farakka Express extended from Delhi to Bhiwani via Rohtak.

(c) Introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and resource availability. However, there is no proposal at present to run additional train on Delhi-Rohtak-Jind section.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Operational and resource constraints.

Modernisation of Telegraph service in Bihar

2896. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any step for the modernisation to telegraphic services in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether any budgetary allocation has been made for this purpose during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) by when the telegraphic services are likely to be modernised in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the modernisation programme of the Telegraph Network microprocessor based Store & Forward Message Switching Systems (SFMS) have been installed at Patna and Ranchi with ports in 40 districts. The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Due to mid course correction of the Modernisation Plan the remaining 13 districts which were to be covered for modernisation, the programme has been delayed.

(c) and (d) No separate budgetary allocation has been earmarked.

(e) The modernisation is an on-going process and as such 3 more Store and Forward systems are likely to be installed at Gaya, Jamshedpur and Chhapra in 1997-98 which will cover remaining 13 districts.

Statement

| Sl. No | Name of District | Equipment/Ports |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Patna | 12 SFMS Ports, 15 EKB & 12 FT |
| 2. | Bhojpur | 1 |
| 3. | Bhabhua | 1 |
| 4. | Buxar | 1 |
| 5. | Rohtas | * |
| 6. | Nawada | 1 |
| 7. | Jahanabad | 1 |
| 8. | Gaya | 1 |
| 9. | Aurangabad | 1 |
| 10. | Katihar | 2 |
| 11. | Kishanganj | 1 |
| 12. | Araria | * |
| 13. | Supal | * |
| 14. | Saharsa | 1 |
| 15. | Madhepura | * |
| 16. | Purnea | 1 |
| 17. | Khagaria | 1 |