

pair of express train viz. 6525/6526 Kanniyakumari-Bangalore Express provides daily service between Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore besides 6335/6336 Nagarcoil-Gandhidham Express (weekly) between Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore.

(b) and (c) Some representations from MPs/MLAs, including from travelling public, have been received in this regard. These demands have been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[*Translation*]

Reservation Facility at Nalanda Railway Station

5289. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation facility is available at Nalanda Railway Station for the trains starting from Patna Junction to Delhi, Howrah, Bombay etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide reservation facility at this station with a view of facilitate the passengers;

(e) if so, the total number of seats for which reservation facility is likely to be provided at this station; and

(f) the time by which adequate reservation facility is likely to be provided from this station?

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

(b) and (c) The sale of tickets is too meagre to justify allotment of reservation quota.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Transmitter Network on Border Areas of Jammu and Kashmir

5290. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a network of high and low power transmitters on the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir with a view to educate and entertain the people of the area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to further augment TV service in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the border areas, two HPTs, 3 LPTs, 10 VLPTs and one transposer

are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State.

[*English*]

Non AC-II Class Compartments in Shatabdi Express

5291. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non AC-II Class compartments in Shatabdi Express plying between Mysore and Chennai;

(b) whether the Government are considering to introduce few non AC-II Class compartments to help ordinary passengers travelling from Mysore directly to and from Madras; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) None.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Survey for Laying Down Bijnore-Muzaffarnagar Rail Line

5292. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to conduct survey for laying down railway line from Bijnore to Muzaffarnagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Employment on Compassionate Grounds

5293. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme in the Telecom Department which provides for employment of compassionate grounds to the next of the kin of the employees who die in harness;

(b) if so, the duration by which the department provides such employment to the family members of the deceased employees; and

(c) the details in this regards?

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

(b) and (c) Such cases are processed on the basis

of guidelines issued by the DOP & T from time to time. The cases are finalised soon after the submission of requisite information/documents by the family of the deceased employee. The employment to the family member is provided if the family is in indigent condition.

The cases where there are earning members in the family or where death took place more than five years ago are dealt at Telecom Head Quarter. In the rest of the cases the Heads of Telecom. Circles have been delegated powers to deal with such cases.

[English]

Survey in Kerala

5294. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surveys conducted in Kerala for laying railway lines during the last two years and the current year, so far:

(b) the total amount spent on them, so far; and

(c) the names of lines which are likely to be taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Survey	Expenditure
1.	Preliminary Techno Economic Survey for Thakazhy-Thiruvalla-Pathanamthitta Railway line (100 kms.)	6.00
2.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for Kayankulam-Trivandrum new line via Adoor-Kottarakara (14.5 kms.)	10.00
3.	Traffic survey for a new line from Guruvayur to Eddapalli	2.00
4.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for Gauge Conversion of Quilon to Virudunagar/Tirunelveli-Trichendur (357 kms.)	14.31
5.	Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for new BG line between Nanjangod and Badagara via Vyitri-Poozhithod	7.42
(c) New Lines to be taken up for construction		
1.	Kuttiipuram-Guruvayoor new line	
2.	Angamali-Sabarimala new line	

Doordarshan Resources

5295. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has a programme to raise its resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the target set therefor; and

(c) the aims and objectives for raising resources of Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Rationalisation of advertising tariff structure, opening up of additional Commercial Kendras, incentives to advertisers and telecast of quality programmes so as to attract maximum number of viewers to make Doordarshan channels a cost effective medium for the advertisers are major steps to increase commercial revenue. The target for commercial revenue collection for 1997-98 is Rs. 625 crores.

(c) Doordarshan generates internal resources in order to fund a substantial portion of its development activities.

Performance of Copper Mines

5296. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of MINIES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of each copper mine in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether some copper mines are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The production performance of all the copper mines of Hindustan Copper Limited and Sikkim Mining Corporation during the last three financial years are as under:

	(Production of ore in MT)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	1	2	3
Indian Copper Complex (Bihar)			
Mosaboni	405309	318885	289260
Pathargora	115175	126582	127464
Surda	308464	327096	318517
Kendadih	49645	56257	46960
Rakha	250335	230137	239676
Total	1128928	1058957	1021877