

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.  
(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Reservation Quota for Amethi Station

3393. DR. SANJAY SINH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that passengers have been experiencing a lot of difficulties on account of scrapping of reservation quota for Amethi Railway Station in Varanasi-Dehradoon Janta Express;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to restore the reservations quota for Amethi ; and

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

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#### Encroachment of Mumbai Airport Land

3394. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large area of land belonging to the Ministry of Civil Aviation surrounding the Mumbai Airport are occupied by lakhs of slum-dwellers for the last more than twenty years or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total area of land and the approximate number of slum-dwellers presently occupying the same;

(c) whether a meeting between the Housing Ministry of Maharashtra Government and the Union Civil Aviation Ministry was recently held at Mumbai to decide new site for relocation of these slum-dwellers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 160 acres of Airports Authority of India land is under occupation of around 80,000 slum-dwellers, in villages, namely Zarimari, Sewa Nagar, Vijay Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Bail Bazar, Kaju Pada, Shahdesh Nagar, Kranti Nagar, Indira Nagar, Azad Nagar, New Agripada, Old Agripada, Gaodevi Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Subash Nagar and Asha Nagar.

(c) and (d) Meetings were held between the Housing Ministry of Maharashtra Government and Airports Authority of India at Mumbai in February and May, 1998 for shifting/rehabilitation of slum dwellers from AAI land.

[Translation]

#### Recruitment in Railways

3395. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had put a ban on fresh recruitment in the Railways some time back;

(b) if so, the details with reasons therefor;

(c) whether some appointments were made in various railway divisions by ignoring the ban during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, division and category-wise ?

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[English]

#### Expenditure incurred on Publicity by PSUs

3396. SHRI S.S. OWAISI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under his Ministry have been incurring huge expenditure on Publicity arbitrarily;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred by each of them on Publicity during each of the last three years; and