

(a) whether the speed of trains running on Ahmedabad-Khedbrahma railway line in Gujarat is very slow. If so, what is the sanctioned speed of running the trains on this railway line;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal/representation from VIPs to increase the speed of trains on this line; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government have taken in the matter ?

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) No, Sir. The permissible speed on this section is 50 km, per hour.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Attachment of Coaches

3325. DR. SANJAY SINH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two coaches for Amethi Railway Station used to be attached with almost all express trains starting from Varanasi to Mumbai which has since been cancelled ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which they are likely to be attached again ?

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) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Availability of Locomotives

3326. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Steam / Diesel / Electric locomotives available in each Loco Shed, zone-wise and gauge-wise;

(b) whether the condition of steam engines are deteriorated due to scarcity of spare parts and not overhauling them periodically; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to replace them with Diesel locomotives ?

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) A statement is attached.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Steam locomotives are expected to be replaced by 2000 AD depending upon the availability of diesel/electric locomotives on Indian Railways except in some sections of tourist attraction.

#### Statement

(a) the number of Steam/Diesel/Electric locomotive available in each Loco shed, zone-wise and gauge-wise as on 1.4.1998 are given below :

Railway	Shed	Number of locomotives
1	2	3
<i>Steam locomotives (Metre Gauge)</i>		
Southern	Coonor	8
Western	Mhow	4
Western	Wankaner	11
Western	Jetalsar	5
<i>Steam Locomotives (Narrow Gauge)</i>		
North-Frontier	Tindharia	5
"	New Jalpaiguri	5
"	Kurseong	2
"	Darjeeling	2
<i>Diesel Locomotives (Broad Gauge)</i>		
Central Railway	Itarsi	147
"	New Katni	176
"	Jhansi	77
"	Pune	121
"	Kalyan	50
"	Kurla	76
"	Agra	24
Eastern Railway	Howrah	47
"	Beliaghata	45
"	Burdwan	77
"	Andal	94
"	Patratu	117
"	Mughal Sarai	42
"	Jamalpur	58
"	Bamangachi	34
Northern Railway	Tuglakabad	141
"	Ludhiana	144
"	Lucknow	103
"	Bhagat-Ki-Kothi	50
"	Mughal Sarai	36
"	Shakurbasti	112