

and (b) As per extent instructions the reservation of SC/ST is based on "Post based roster" system, replacing the earlier "vacancy based roster". In the new system, there is no concept of carry forward of post based slots meant for reserved categories. However, reservation, as due, is provided at the time of filling up of posts in accordance with the post based reservation roster.

[*Translation*]

Additional Capital for Air India

1292. DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a need has been felt to invest an additional capital of Rs. 500 crores in 'Air India' to overcome its financial crisis;

(b) if so, the scheme formulated for the purpose;

(c) the total capital invested in Air India and the estimated amount of loans taken by it; and

(d) the total amount of interest paid on loans during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission in its VIII Report on Air India has recommended infusion of Government equity of Rs. 1000 crores and induction of strategic partner on the basis of global bids. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

(c) The total amount invested by the Government towards share capital in Air India is Rs. 153.84 crores. However, Air India had also taken foreign currency loans of Rs. 3649.21 crores towards purchase of aircraft and working capital requirements.

(d) The total amount of interest paid on loans during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 was Rs. 175.66 crores, Rs. 160.22 crores and Rs. 237.45 crores respectively.

[*English*]

Derailement of Kurla-Howrah Express

1293. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kurla-Howrah express train was derailed near Jalgaon on Nagpur-Mumbai sector in the first week of December, 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of persons killed/injured in the accident;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the inquiry?

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. There was a derailment of 8029 Dn Kurla-Howrah Express on 03.12.1998 between Mhasawad and Shirsoli stations in Manmad-Bhusaval section on Bhusaval Division of Central Railway.

(b) The accident occurred due to weld failure. The number of persons killed/injured in the accident are:—

Killed	=	9
Grievous injuries	=	13
Simple injuries	=	30

(c) Yes, Sir. Statutory Inquiry is being conducted by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS)/Central Circle, Mumbai.

(d) As per Preliminary Report of CRS, the accident was caused by fracture of left side rail on Down line at an Alumino-Thermic Weld in non-breathing length of Continuous Welded Track due to fatigue failure of Thermic Joint on account of detectable transverse type flaw.

CRS has categorised the accident as "failure of Railway Equipment".

Installation of AIR/T.V. Transmitters

1294. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government since June, 1998 upto 31st January, 1999 to strengthen the AIR and Television transmission in the border areas of the country to combat the anti-India campaign by Pakistan; and

(b) the number of transmitters installed during this period in the border areas, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Apart from schemes already under implementation for coverage of area along Indo-Pak Border, a scheme for setting up High Power Transmitter (DD2) at Jammu has been sanctioned during 1.6.98 to 31.1.99. Setting up High Power Transmitter at Naushera and Poonch is also envisaged. Appropriate programmes are being relayed by both AIR and Doordarshan to counter propaganda across the borders.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Transmitters Commissioned/Installed in Border Distts. of the Country During 1.6.98 to 31.1.1999

All India Radio

1. William Nagar	Community Radio Station with 1 KW MW Transmitter each.
2. Mon	
3. Nogstoin	
4. Saiha	
5. Tuensang	

Doordarshan

LPTs	VLPTs
1. Rajauri	1. Udaipur (H.P.)
2. Kailashahar (DDII)	2. Khalsi
3. Miao	3. Mulbeth
4. Teliamura	4. Tangtse
5. Haldwani	5. Chushul
6. Darhal (Mobile)	6. Siachen (Base Camp)
7. Simri Bakhtiarpur	7. Rajgarhi
8. Lunglei (DD II)	8. Nandprayag
	9. Darak
	10. Sagalee
	11. Machuka
	12. Nichar
	13. Singtam

[Translation]

Publishing of Magazines in Hindi

1295. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the magazines being published in English only by the Mini and Subordinate offices located in Delhi;

(b) the arrangements being made for publishing these magazines in Hindi also in pursuance of the provisions of the Official Languages Act; and

(c) the date by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) There is no magazine published by the Media Units or organisations under the purview of the Ministry of I & B which are in English only.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Reconstruction of Bridges on Mehsana-Patan Rail Line

1296. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reconstruction of bridges on Mehsana-Patan railway line is on progress;

(b) if so, the details of work which has been completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay and the time by which the above line is likely to be reconstructed?

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. 6 bridges are being rebuilt.

(b) Out of 6 bridges, 1 bridge has been completed. Progress on the five remaining bridges also varies from 50% to 75%.