

- (iii) A Steel Exporters Forum has been constituted to boost export of Steel.
- (iv) Measures are also being taken by Public Sector Steel Plant to increase sales and reduce stocks by fine-tuning the product-mix in terms of market requirements, improve quality through technology upgradation, interface with customers and adopt market driven pricing strategies etc.

[English]

Changes in DDA Flats

5356. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Committee has been set up by Delhi Development Authority for allowing the allottees to construct extra rooms and make changes in their DDA flats for solving the problems of space shortage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the composition of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) to (c) Vice-Chairman, DDA has approved constitution of a Technical Experts Committee to suggest feasibility of more covered area in DDA flats.

Following is the composition of the Committee:

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| 1. Commissioner (II) | Chairman |
| 2. Addl. Chief Architect | Member |
| 3. Director (Bldg.) | Member |
| 4. S.E.(Design) | Member |
| 5. 2 representatives from Apex Association of DDA Colonies | Members |

Theft of Luggages

5357. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of luggage thefts at the New Delhi Railway Station are on the rise;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last three months; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent the theft cases?

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) The responsibility of providing security to the passengers and their belongings at stations and in running trains vests with the concerned State Government, which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP).

However, the information received from the Delhi Railway Police through Chief Security Commissioner/RPF, Northern Railway, the number of theft luggage reported at New Delhi Railway Station during the last three months from April to June 1998 is as under:-

Period	No. of cases reported
April to June* 1998	117

(c) In order to ensure safety of passengers and their belongings during train journey, the Railway Administration have taken the following steps to help the GRP in checking criminal activities:-

1. RPF officers are holding regular co-ordination meetings with their counterparts of the GRP and Civil Police.
2. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels.
3. The Railways have introduced the Instant Action Group (IAG) on superfast trains to prevent entry of unauthorised persons.
4. RPF staff assist the Government Railway Police for escorting of passenger trains.
5. Joint Strategies for dealing with anti-social elements operating on Railways have been chalked out by the GRP and RPF.

Development of Non-Forest Wastelands

5358. SHRI D.S. AHIRE :
SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether "Investment Promotional Scheme" to stimulate involvement of the corporate sector and financial institutions to pool in resources for development of non-forest wasteland was launched in 1994-95;
- (b) if so, the number of projects sanctioned under the scheme in each State; and
- (c) the details of Plan allocation, actual release and actual expenditure for the scheme during Eighth plan, year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.