

1	2	3	4
5.	Bidhuna	Auraiyya	168.60
6.	Kithore	Meerut	96.83
7.	Suriyawan	Ravidas Nagar	85.60
8.	Manakapur	Gonda	40.76
Total			975.44

Approval of these schemes would depend upon availability of funds for AUWSP, under the Central Plan.

[Translation]

Army Cantonments in Bihar

2035. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the locations where Army Cantonments/Training Centres are proposed to be set up in the near future, State-wise, with particular reference to Bihar; and

(b) the reasons for delay alongwith the time by which each of these units are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There is no proposal for setting up Army Cantonments/Training Centres in any of the States inclusive of Bihar at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

IDSMT Scheme

2036. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :
SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

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

(a) the details of the Central assistance provided to States under the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the towns development or likely to be developed under the scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 7961.51 lakhs

has been released to various States/UTs during the last three years (i.e. during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98). The Statewise details of Central assistance released under the Scheme during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) Since inception of the Scheme, 920 towns have been developed or are being developed. Details of towns are given at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Release of Central Assistance to States/UTs Under IDSMT During 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98

S.No.	State	Central Assistance Released			
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	208.21	490.18	164.62	863.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10.00	11.00	8.50	29.00
3.	Assam	40.00	60.00	51.86	151.86
4.	Bihar	120.00	75.00	-	195.00
5.	Goa	-	-	-	-
6.	Gujarat	118.00	176.97	362.55	657.52
7.	Haryana	50.00	10.00	22.00	82.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	35.00	15.00	15.00	65.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	73.50	19.00	92.50
10.	Karnataka	242.00	334.45	163.89	740.34
11.	Kerala	171.09	44.75	232.41	448.25
12.	Madhya Pradesh	279.50	116.35	207.94	603.79
13.	Maharashtra	378.75	206.01	556.23	1140.99
14.	Manipur	16.00	49.50	20.00	85.50
15.	Meghalaya	-	11.00	19.60	30.60
16.	Mizoram	17.00	16.00	24.00	57.00
17.	Nagaland	17.00	13.00	9.00	39.00
18.	Orissa	84.00	25.00	48.00	157.00
19.	Punjab	45.00	50.00	39.00	134.00
20.	Rajasthan	171.50	130.00	162.50	464.00
21.	Sikkim	-	6.00	12.00	18.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	198.20	45.90	149.40	393.50

1	2	3	4	5	6
23. Tripura		13.75	39.00	42.00	94.75
24. Uttar Pradesh		353.00	398.00	116.00	867.00
25. West Bengal		190.00	195.40	146.50	531.90
26. A & N Islands		-	-	-	-
27. D & N Haveli		5.00	-	-	5.00
28. Daman & Diu		5.00	-	10.00	15.00
29. Lakshadweep		-	-	-	-
30. Pondicherry		-	-	-	-
Total		2768.00	2592.01	2601.50	7961.51

Statement-II

*State-wise details of Towns Development
or being Developed*

ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Adilabad
2. Adoni
3. Amadalavalasa
4. Amalapuram
5. Anakapalle
6. Anantpur
7. Bheemunipatnam
8. Bhimavaram
9. Bhongir
10. Bobbili
11. Bodhan
12. Chilakaluripet
13. Chirala
14. Chittoor
15. Chittoor 1
16. Cuddapah
17. Dharmavaram
18. Eluru
19. Gadwal
20. Gadwal
21. Gudi Vada
22. Gudur
23. Guntakal

24. Guntur
25. Hindupur
26. Jaggayyapeta
27. Jagtial
28. Kakinada
29. Kamareddy
30. Karimnagar
31. Kavali
32. Khammam
33. Kuppam
34. Kurnool
35. Machilipatnam
36. Madanapalle
37. Mahbubnagar
38. Medak
39. Miryalaguda
40. Malgonda
41. Nandyal
42. Narayanpet
43. Narsararopet
44. Nellore
45. Nidadavole
46. Nizamabad
47. Ongole
48. Peddapuram
49. Ponnur
50. Proddatur
51. Rajamundry
52. Ramachandrapuram
53. Ramachandrapuram-I
54. Repalle
55. Sangareddy
56. Siddipet
57. Siddipet-I
58. Srikakulam
59. Srikalahasti-I
60. Takepalligudem
61. Tadipatri
62. Tandur
63. Tanuku
64. Tenali

65. Tirupati
66. Tirupati-I
67. Tuni
68. Vicarabad
69. Vizianagaram
70. Vizianagaram-I
71. Wanaparthy
72. Warangal
73. Yemmiganur
74. Zaheerabad
75. Machilipatnam

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

1. Bomdila
2. Naharlagun
3. Tawang
4. Yingkiong
5. Tezu

ASSAM

1. Bongaigaon
2. Dhubri
3. Dibrugarh
4. Barpeta
5. Goalpara
6. Golaghat
7. Haflong
8. Jorhat
9. Karimganj
10. Kokrajhar
11. Mangoldoi
12. Nagaon
13. Nalbari
14. North Lakhimpur
15. Rangia
16. Sibsagar
17. Silchar
18. Tezpur
19. Tinsukia

BIHAR

1. Arrah
2. Banka
3. Begusarai

4. Bettiah
5. Bhagalpur
6. Bihar Sharif
7. Bodh Gaya
8. Buxar
9. Chaibasa
10. Chapra
11. Chatra
12. Daltonganj
13. Darbhanga
14. Deoghar
15. Dhanbad
16. Dumka
17. Forbesganj
18. Garhwa
19. Gaya
20. Giridih
21. Godda
22. Gopalganj
23. Hajipur
24. Hazaribagh
25. Jehenabad
26. Katihar
27. Kishanganj
28. Lohardaga
29. Madhubani
30. Mumger
31. Muzaffarpur
32. Nawada
33. Purnia
34. Rajgir
35. Saharsa
36. Sahibganj
37. Sheohar
38. Sitamarhi
39. Siwan
40. Supaul

GOA

1. Curchorem-Cacora
2. Mapusa
3. Margao

4. Mormugao
5. Panaji
6. Ponda

GUJARAT

1. Amreli
2. Anand
3. Anand-I
4. Anklesvar
5. Bardoli
6. Bavla
7. Bharuch
8. Bhavnagar
9. Bhuj
10. Bilimora
11. Borsad
12. Botad
13. Dabhoi
14. Deesa
15. Dehgam
16. Dhoraji
17. Dohad
18. Dwarka
19. Godhra
20. Gondal
21. Himatnagar
22. Idar
23. Jamnagar
24. Junagadh
25. Kalol
26. Keshod
27. Khambhat
28. Mahesana
29. Mahuva
30. Mehmedabad
31. Modasa
32. Morvi
33. Nadiad
34. Navsari
35. Padra
36. Palanpur
37. Palitana

38. Patan
39. Petlad
40. Porbandar
41. Sanand
42. Savarkundla
43. Sidhpur
44. Surendranagar
45. Unjha
46. Upleta
47. Valsad
48. Veraval
49. Viramgam
50. Visnagar
51. Wadhwan
52. Ambaji
53. Mandvi

HARYANA

1. Ambala
2. Barwala
3. Bhiwani
4. Charkhi Dadri
5. Hisar
6. Jind
7. Karnal
8. Kurukshetra
9. Shahbad
10. Sirsa
11. Sohna
12. Sonipat
13. Yamuna Nagar
14. Pehowa

HIMACHAL PRADESH

1. Hamirpur
2. Kasumpti Junga
3. Mandi
4. Nahan
5. Una
6. Rampur

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

1. Anantnag
2. Doda

3. Jammu
4. Kathua
5. Leh
6. R.S. Pura
7. Samba
8. Sopore

KARNATAKA

1. Arsikere
2. Badami
3. Bailhongal
4. Bangarapet
5. Basavakalyan
6. Bellary
7. Bidar
8. Bijapur
9. Byadgi
10. Channapatna
11. Chennagiri
12. Chikballapur
13. Chikmagalur
14. Chincholi
15. Chintamani
16. Chitradurga
17. Dandeli
18. Doddaballapur
19. Gadag-Betigeri
20. Gajendragarh
21. Gauribidanur
22. Gurmatkal
23. Harihar
24. Harpanhalli
25. Hassan
26. Hassan
27. Haveri
28. Holenarsipur
29. Shiggaonipur-I
30. Homnabad
31. Hospet
32. Hunsur
33. Ilkal
34. Jamkhandi

35. K.R. Nagar
36. Kadur
37. Kanakapura
38. Udupi
39. Karkal
40. Karwar
41. Kolar
42. Kollegal
43. Koppal
44. Kotturu
45. Kundapura
46. Kushalnagar
47. Lakshmeshwar
48. Lingsugurm
49. Madhugiri
50. Magadi
51. Malavalli
52. Malur
53. Mandya
54. Mudalgi
55. Muddebahal
56. Mulbagal
57. Nippani
58. Rabkavi-Banhatt
59. Raichur
60. Ramanagaram
61. Ranibennur
62. Ron
63. Sagar
64. Saundatti
65. Savanur
66. Shahpur
67. Shiggaon
68. Shikarpur
69. Shorapur
70. Sidlaghatta
71. Sindhnur
72. Sira
73. Sirsi
74. Tiptur
75. Tumkur

76. Simoga

77. Gokak

KERALA

1. Allapuzha

2. Aluva

3. Chalakudy

4. Changanassery

5. Chavakkad

6. Chenganur

7. Cherthala

8. Guruvayoor

9. Kalpetta

10. Kannur

11. Kasaragod

12. Kayamkulam

13. Kollam

14. Kottayam

15. Kozhikode

16. Malappuram

17. Manjeri

18. Muvattupuzha

19. Nedumangad

20. Neyyattinkara

21. Palakkad

22. Pathanamthitta

23. Pathanamthitta

24. Punalur

25. Shoranur

26. Thalassery

27. Thiruvalla

28. Thodupuzha

29. Thrissur

30. Tirur

31. Vadakara

32. Varkala

MADHYA PRADESH

1. Ajaigarh

2. Amarkantak

3. Amarpatan

4. Ashok Nagar

5. Baidhan

6. Balaghat

7. Banmore

8. Berasia

9. Betul

10. Bhandar

11. Bhilai Durg

12. Bhind

13. Biaora

14. Bilaspur

15. Burhanpur

16. Champa

17. Chhatarpur

18. Chhindwara

19. Chitrakoot

20. Dalli-Rajhara

21. Damoh

22. Datia

23. Dewas

24. Dongargarh

25. Gadarwara

26. Ganj-Basoda

27. Garoth

28. Guna

29. Harda

30. Hoshangabad

31. Itarsi

32. Jagdalpur

33. Janjgeer

34. Jaora

35. Kanker

36. Kasarvad

37. Katni

38. Kawardha

39. Khajuraho

40. Khandwa

41. Khargone

42. Kota

43. Kaihar

44. Mandla

45. Mandasaur

46. Mhow

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|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 47. | Morena | 15. | Bhandara |
| 48. | Multai | 16. | Bhusawal |
| 49. | Narsingarh | 17. | Buldana |
| 50. | Narsinghpur | 18. | Chalisgaon |
| 51. | Neemuch | 19. | Chandrapur |
| 52. | Obedullaganj | 20. | Chiplun |
| 53. | Pachmarhi | 21. | Chopda |
| 54. | Pandhurna | 22. | Daryapur |
| 55. | Panna | 23. | Deglur |
| 56. | Pithampur | 24. | Dhule |
| 57. | Raigarh | 25. | Digras |
| 58. | Rajgarh | 26. | Dondaicha Warwade |
| 59. | Rajnandgaon | 27. | Gadchiroli |
| 60. | Ratlam | 28. | Gadhinglaj |
| 61. | Rewa | 29. | Geirai |
| 62. | Sagar | 30. | Ghatanji |
| 63. | Satna | 31. | Gondiya |
| 64. | Sausar | 32. | Hinganghat |
| 65. | Sehore | 33. | Hingoli |
| 66. | Shahdol | 34. | Ichalkarnji |
| 67. | Shivpuri | 35. | Igatpuri |
| 68. | Sidhi | 36. | Islampur |
| 69. | Sihora | 37. | Jalgaon |
| 70. | Tikamgarh | 38. | Jalna |
| 71. | Umaria | 39. | Kagal |
| 72. | Vidisha | 40. | Kalamb |
| MAHARASHTRA | | 41. | Kamptee |
| 1. | Achalpur | 42. | Karad |
| 2. | Ahmadnagar | 43. | Katol |
| 3. | Akot | 44. | Khamgaon |
| 4. | Alibagh | 45. | Kinwat |
| 5. | Amalner | 46. | Kopargaon |
| 6. | Ambad | 47. | Kurundwad |
| 7. | Ambejogai | 48. | Latur |
| 8. | Amravati | 49. | Mahad |
| 9. | Anjangaon Surji | 50. | Malkapur |
| 10. | Ausa | 51. | Manmad |
| 11. | Baramati | 52. | Manwath |
| 12. | Barshi | 53. | Mehkar |
| 13. | Basmath Nagar | 54. | Morshi |
| 14. | Beed | 55. | Mukhed |
| | | 56. | Murtijapur |

57. Nanded
58. Nandurhar
59. Narkhed
60. Navapur
61. Nilanga
62. Osmanabad
63. Pachora
64. Paithan
65. Pandharpur
66. Parbhani
67. Parli Vaijanth
68. Parola
69. Partur
70. Phaltan
71. Pulgaon
72. Pubad
73. Ramtek
74. Ratnagiri
75. Sangamner
76. Sangli
77. Sangola
78. Satara
79. Savner
80. Sawantwadi
81. Selu
82. Shahada
83. Shegaon
84. Shirpur Warwade
85. Shri Rampur
86. Tuljapur
87. Tunsar
88. Umred
89. Vaijapur
90. Vita
91. Wai
92. Wani
93. Wardha
94. Warora
95. Washim
96. Yavatmal

MANIPUR

1. Bishnupur

2. Imphal
3. Jiribam
4. Kakching
5. Lamlai
6. Lamsang
7. Mayang Imphal
8. Moreh
9. Nambol
10. Sekmai
11. Sekmai
12. Thoubal

MEGHALAYA

1. Baghmara
2. Jowai
3. Nongstoin
4. Shillong
5. Shora
6. Tura
7. William Nagar

MIZORAM

1. Aizawal
2. Aizwal-I
3. Kolasib
4. Lunglei
5. Serchhip

NAGALAND

1. Kohima
2. Mokokchung
3. Mon
4. Phek
5. Tuenasang
6. Wokha
7. Zunheboto

ORISSA

1. Anugul
2. Athagad
3. Athamallik
4. Balangir
5. Baleshwar
6. Bargarh
7. Baripada

8. Basudebpur
9. Bhadrak
10. Bhanjanagar
11. Bhawanipatna
12. Brahmaipur
13. Chhatrapur
14. Choudwar
15. Dhenkanal
16. Digapahandi
17. Gopalpur
18. Jagatsinghapur
19. Jajapur
20. Jajapur Road
21. Jeypur
22. Jharsuguda
23. Kamakshyanagar
24. Kendrapara
25. Keonjhar
26. Konark
27. Koraput
28. Nabarangapur
29. Nilgiri
30. Paradip
31. Parlakhemundi
32. Phulbani
33. Puri
34. Puri
35. Raurkela
36. Rayagada
37. Sambalpur
38. Sundargarh
39. Tarbha
40. Titlagarh
41. Umarkote

PUNJAB

1. Barnala
2. Batala
3. Bathinda
4. Faridkot
5. Firozpur
6. Gobind Garh

7. Gurdaspur
8. Hoshiarpur
9. Kapurthala
10. Khanna
11. Malerkotla
12. Mansa
13. Moga
14. Mukheria
15. Nabha
16. Pathankot
17. Patiala
18. Phagwara
19. Rajpura
20. Ropar
21. Sangrur
22. Sirhind
23. Taran Taran
24. Anandpur Sahib
25. Fatehgarh Sahib
26. Patti

RAJASTHAN

1. Banswara
2. Baran
3. Barmer
4. Beawar
5. Bharatpur
6. Bhilwara
7. Bhinmal
8. Bikaner
9. Bundi
10. Chaksu
11. Chittaurgarh
12. Churu
13. Gausa
14. Deogarh
15. Deoli
16. Dholpur
17. Dungarpur
18. Fatehnagar
19. Ganganagar
20. Jaisalmer

21. Jaisalmer -I
22. Jalore
23. Jhunjhunu
24. Kapasan
25. Kishangarh
26. Mount Abu
27. Nagaur
28. Nathdwara
29. Nimbahera
30. Nokha
31. Pali
32. Pratapgarh
33. Pushkar
34. Rajsamand
35. Ratangarh
36. Sardargarh
37. Sawai Madhopur
38. Shahpura
39. Sikar
40. Sirohi
41. Sumerpur
42. Udaipur
43. Vijainagar
44. Salumber
45. Deshnok

SIKKIM

1. Gangtok
2. Jorethnag
3. Namchi Bazar
4. Rangpo
5. Singtam

TAMIL NADU

1. Adhirampattinam
2. Andipatti-Jarkampatti
3. Anthiyur
4. Arakkonam
5. Arani
6. Arantangi
7. Ariyalur
8. Aruppukkottai
9. Attur

10. Avanashi
11. Bargur
12. Bhavani
13. Chengalpattu
14. Chinnamanur
15. Coonoor
16. Cuddalore
17. Denkanikota
18. Dharapuram
19. Kharmapuri
20. Gopichettipalayam
21. Harur
22. Hosur
23. Idappadi
24. Inam Karur
25. Kallakurichi
26. Kanchipuram
27. Kangayam
28. Karaikkudi
29. Karur
30. Kasipalayam
31. Kiranur
32. Kodaikanal
33. Kotagiri
34. Kovilpatti
35. Krishnagiri
36. Kulittalai
37. Kumarapalayam
38. Kurichi
39. Kuttanallur
40. Madurantakam
41. Mamallapuram
42. Manamadurai
43. Mandapam
44. Mannargudi
45. Mettupalayam
46. Nagappattinam
47. Namakkal
48. Nattarasankottai
49. Omalur
50. Palani

51. Palladam
52. Pallikonda
53. Pallipalayam
54. Panruti
55. Paramakkudi
56. Pattukkottai
57. Perambalur
58. Pollachi
59. Ponnamaravati
60. Ponneri
61. Poovirunthavalli
62. Pudukkottai
63. Punjai Puliamapatti
64. Ramanathapuram
65. Rameshwaram
66. Ranipettai
67. Rasipuram
68. Salem
69. Sattuvacheri
70. Satyamangalam
71. Sholinghur
72. Sivaganga
73. Sular
74. Tattayangarpettai
75. Tenkasi
76. Theniallinagaram
77. Thuraiyur
78. Tindivanam
79. Tiruchendur
80. Tiruchengodu
81. Tirunelveli
82. Tiruppattur
83. Tiruppur
84. Tiruttangal
85. Tiruttani
86. Tiruvallur
87. Tiruvannamalai
88. Tiruvettipuram
89. Tuticorin
90. Udthagamandalam
91. Udumalaipettai

92. Usilampatti
93. Vandavasi
94. Vaniyambadi
95. Veerappanchattiram
96. Villupuram
97. Viruddhachalam
98. Wallajapet

TRIPURA

1. Agartala
2. Amarpur
3. Belonia
4. Dharmanagar
5. Kailasahar
6. Khowai
7. Kumarghat
8. Udaipur
9. Sunampura

UTTAR PRADESH

1. Akbarpur
2. Almora
3. Amethi
4. Auraiya
5. Ayodhya
6. Azamgarh
7. Badaun
8. Bahraich
9. Ballia
10. Banda
11. Bansi
12. Barabanki
13. Barabanki
14. Barhalganj
15. Basti
16. Bhadohi
17. Bijnor
18. Bilaspur
19. Bilsa
20. Biswan
21. Budhana
22. Chunar
23. Panki

24. Deoria
25. Etah
26. Etawah
27. Faizabad
28. Farrukhabad-Fatehgarh
29. Fatehpur
30. Firozabad
31. Ghazipur
32. Gonda
33. Haldwani
34. Hardotar
35. Hathras
36. Jalesar
37. Jaunpur
38. Kairana
39. Kandhla
40. Kasganj
41. Kashipur
42. Khalilabad
43. Konch
44. Kosi Kalan
45. Kotdwara
46. Lakhimpur
47. Lalitpur
48. Loni
49. Gola Gokarannath
50. Maghar
51. Mahoba
53. Mainpuri
54. Malihabad
55. Manakapur
56. Maunath Bhanjan
57. Mauranipur
58. Mawana
59. Mirzapur
60. Modinagar
61. Moradabad
62. Moradanagar
63. Muzaffarnagar
64. Orai
65. Padrauna

66. Pallia Kalan
67. Phaphund
68. Pilibhit
69. Pilkhua
70. Rai Bareli
71. Rampur
72. Roorkee
73. Saharanpur
74. Sambhal
75. Sandila
76. Shamli
77. Sikandra Rao
78. Sikandrabad
79. Sirsaganj
80. Sitapur
81. Sultanpur
82. Tanda
83. Thana Bhavan
84. Tundla
85. Utraula

WEST BENGAL

1. Alipurduar
2. Arambag
3. Asansol
4. Ashoknagar Kalyangarh
5. Baduria
6. Baharampur
7. Balurghat
8. Bankura
9. Barddhaman
10. Basirhat
11. Birnagar
12. Bishnupur
13. Bolpur
14. Chakdaha
15. Chandrakon
16. Contai
17. Darjiling
18. Dhulian
19. Diamond Harbour
20. Dinhat

21. English Bazar
22. Gangarampur
23. Ghatal
24. Gobar Danga
25. Guskara
26. Habra
27. Haldia
28. Haldibari
29. Islampur
30. Jalpaiguri

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

1. Port Blair

DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI

1. Silvasa
2. Silvasa-1

DAMAN AND DIU

1. Diu

LAKSHADWEEP

1. Kavarati

PONDICHERRY

1. Ariankuppam
2. Karaikal
3. Mahe
4. Pondicherry
5. Villianur
6. Yanam

Houses for Weaker Sections

2037. SHRI K.P. MOHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sought the help of the National Housing Bank (NHB) and other Housing Financial Institutions in the housing sector in meeting the target of construction 20 lakh additional houses for the economically weaker sections (EWS) and the lower income group (LIG) every year; and

(b) if so, the response received by the Government from NHB in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) and (b) Government has set a goal for construction of 20 lakh houses out of which 13 lakh dwelling units are targetted for the rural areas. Besides

several policy, institutional and structural initiatives, the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is taking necessary steps to improve the availability of housing finance in the rural areas with the assistance of organisations like NHB, HUDCO and other housing finance institutions. The National Housing Bank is implementing the Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme and under it financing construction of dwelling units in the rural areas.

Upgradation of Missile Range

2038. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to upgrade the Interim Test Range at Chandipur in Balasore district, Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of the action Plan and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to upgrade the Interim Test Range (ITR). However, continuous improvement of instrumentation in ITR is carried out to impart better operational features.

Guidelines for Issuing Tickets to Senior Citizens

2039. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether proof of age is being asked for by the booking clerks at several Railway Stations in the country while issuing tickets to Senior Citizens despite the clear cut guidelines against it;

(b) if so, whether proof of age may be demanded by the TTE/Special Checking Squad during the course of journey from the Senior citizens; and

(c) if so, the details of documents which can be treated as proof of age?

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) As per rules, no proof of age is required at the time of purchasing tickets for Senior Citizens.

(b) Senior Citizens travelling on concession tickets are required to carry some authentic document in proof of age which should be produced if demanded by railway official during journey.