

(b) whether in consequence, Divisional Railway authorities in Sealdah, West Bengal have been converting many short distance trains into long-distance ones and suspending some of the local services;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review this plan which aims at denying a public utility service; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES). (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise

[*Translation*]

#### **Restoration of Trains Between Fatuha and Islampur, Bihar**

8727. SHRI R.S. PRASAD. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains on meter gauge line between Fatuha and Islampur (Bihar) on Eastern Railway were used to run regularly during the last three years;

(b) whether serious problem of transport has developed in this densely populated area after discontinuing train services on this railway line; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to restore train services on this railway line, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Central Government was incurring losses on the working of this line, which was also considered unsafe for running of

trains. This line was, therefore, dismantled with the permission of State Government. Due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand, there is no proposal to restore this line at present.

[*English*]

#### **Security of Trains on Suburban Railway Bombay**

8728. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the security measures adopted for round the clock vigil in railway yards where passenger rakes are stationed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Railway yards where passenger rakes are stationed are adequately guarded by the Railway Protection Force personnel and the supervisory officers regularly check them. Instructions exist that all passenger rakes are thoroughly searched before placement on platform.

#### **Model Stations**

8729. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the construction of model railway stations so far; and

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Upto 31.3.1990, Rs. 35.25 crore have been spent on the work of Model Stations.

(b) Rs. 25.35 crore. However, as the emphasis has shifted towards basic passenger amenities at all stations, eventually the expenditure on model stations during 1990-91 is likely to be substantially less.