

[English]

Railway Service from Puri to Madras

8777. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce railway service from Puri to Madras;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints

[Translation]

Electrification of Bayana-Tundla Railway Line

8778. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bayana-Tundla rail line is being electrified:

(b) if so, the target fixed for completion of this project; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) already completed in March, 1990.

(c) Rs. 23.02 crores.

Issue of railway passes in Bhopal division

8779. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the grounds on which first class railway passes are issued by his Ministry:

(b) the names of persons from Bhopal division in Madhya Pradesh who were in possession of railway passes for travel by first class as on 28 February, 1990;

(c) the justification for the issue of these passes; and

(d) the details of such passes issued during the last four months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (c). It is presumed that the question relates to the issue of Complimentary Card Passes, other than Freedom Fighters Passes. Such Complimentary Passes are issued by the Ministry of Railways to eminent persons, organisations devoted to social, cultural, scientific, literary, sports and other educational activities of 'All India' character, etc. based on the justification/merits of each case.

(b) While issuing such passes it is not known as to whether the recipients belong to the Bhopal division area or otherwise. However, details of passes issued for travel by first class valid as on 28 Feb., 1990, is in the attached statement-I.

(d) Details of such passes issued during the last four months i.e. 01st Jan, 1990 to 30th April, 1990, is also in the attached statement — II