

Fire Prevention Devices in Trains

8804. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide fire prevention devices in trains considering the recent train tragedy in Arrah in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when these devices are likely to be provided in all the trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). Instructions have been issued to ensure appropriate fire fighting equipment in passenger trains in the guard's brake vans, diesel/electric locos, pantry cars and air-conditioned coaches and to give suitable training to the train accompanying staff in the use of fire fighting equipments. In addition, railways are conducting intensive drives in affected areas to check and prevent carriage of inflammable and dangerous goods in passenger compartments and luggage vans. Wide publicity is also being given to create public awareness about fire hazards and to seek public cooperation in fire prevention.

Separate Zone for South

8805. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to create a separate Zone for South;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when this Zone will be created?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Book Stall Contracts at Palwal, Ballabgarh, Kosikalan and Faridabad

8806. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Railway has recently invited applications for award of contract for Book-stalls at Palwal, Ballabgarh, Kosikalan and Faridabad Town stations;

(b) the number of stalls proposed to be allotted; and

(c) the time by which these contracts would be awarded as per rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Applications were invited for allotment of Book stall contracts at Palwal, Ballabgarh and Kosikalan Stations only.

(b) Three.

(c) The contracts have been allotted and would be operative from 4.6.1990.

Alleged Fraud in Purchase of Electrical Equipments in Eastern Railway

8807. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI L. K. ADVANI:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has unearthed a massive fraud in the purchase of electrical equipment by the Eastern Railway in Bihar involving heavy excess payments to some private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and