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RAJYA SABHA

Making Bilaspur Railway Zone

†500. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to-date position of implementation of the decision to make **Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh** a Railway zone; and

(b) the expected date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The inaugural function of Bilaspur zone was held on 20.9.98. An Officer-on-Special Duty in the rank of General Manager has been posted at Bilaspur. The development of Bilaspur zone is being done in a phased manner. An amount of Rs. 0.47 crores (Approx.) has been spent during 1998-99 on the development of Bilaspur zone and another Rs. 3.0 crores has been provided in the Budget for 1999-2000.

(b) The zones have been planned to be set up in a phased manner over a **period of five years**.

Computerised Rail Reservation at Vidisha

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

(a) whether computerised rail reservation facility is available at Vidisha railway station under the Central Railway;

(b) if not, by when such facility is likely to be provided there; and

(c) At which railway stations under the Central Railway, computerised **reservation** facility is proposed to be provided during the next three years?

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

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) The PRS facility is proposed to be provided at Maihar, Babina, Shirdi **out agency** and Ballabgarh Railway stations during the next three years.

Money for Safety Measures in the Railways

502. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much money was earmarked for safety-related measures during the **last five years**, year-wise, and whether the whole of the amount was **not expended**;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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