

कर दिया जाएगा और संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार आगामी वर्षों में पूरा कर लिया जाएगा।

**Passenger information display system at Railway Stations**

4572. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked upon passenger information display system showing arrival and departure of trains, announcing system, auto answering machines for installation at all major railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ahmedabad railway station, which is a major railway station, is not included in this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Ahmedabad Railway station is proposed to be included in this programme during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Passenger information display system, public address system and auto answering machines have been provided at over 160,800 and 70 stations respectively. The facilities are being extended to other stations in a phased manner.

(c) Passenger information display system, announcing system and auto answering machines have already been provided at Ahmedabad station.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Modernisation of Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh**

4573. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proper and adequate modernisation programme of railway stations has not been undertaken in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether basic amenities like sanitation, telecom, etc. have not been provided at many major stations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

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

(b) Do not arise.

(c) Amenities as per norms commensurate with the volume of traffic handled have already been provided at all major railway stations in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Augmentation of amenities at railway stations to cope up with the increase in traffic is a continuous process and the same is undertaken by the Railways by including suitable works in Railways annual works programme.

**24-Hour Reservation Counters at Hyderabad and Secunderabad**

4574. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway propose to open 24-hour reservation counters at Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present system of day-time reservation is inconvenient for office goers; and

(c) the steps proposed to open 24 hour reservation counters at the said stations

by South Central Railway?

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

(b) The working hours of the reservation counters in the computerised passenger reservation offices on Indian Railways including Secunderabad and Hyderabad are from 08.00 to 20.00 hours on all week days and from 08.00 to 14.00 hours on Sundays. This is considered adequate to meet the requirement of the travelling public including office-goers.

(c) Does not arise.

**भोपाल और विदिशा रेलवे स्टेशनों पर गेहूँ की बरबादी**

4575. श्री दिलीप सिंह जुदेव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भोपाल और विदिशा रेलवे स्टेशनों पर समुचित रख-रखाव के अभाव के कारण प्रत्येक वर्ष हजारों टन गेहूँ बरबाद हो जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या उपरोक्त स्टेशनों पर छतरी की लम्बाई कम है और हजारों टन गेहूँ खुले आसमान के नीचे रखना पड़ता है जिसके कारण ये गेहूँ बरबाद हो जाते हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो गेहूँ को बरबाद होने से बचाने के लिए क्या ठोस कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है?

**रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज) :** (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) भोपाल और विदिशा के ढके हुए शेडों में भंडारण क्षमता क्रमशः 40 माल डिब्बे और 18 माल डिब्बे है। माल को माल डिब्बे से सीधे ट्रक में लादने के लिए व्यापारियों को अनुमति दी जाती है। यद्यपि दोनों मालगोदामों में रैक लोड यातायात को सम्हालने की क्षमता अपर्याप्त है, तथापि पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान, गेहूँ को खुले स्थान पर उतारने के बाद उसके नुकसान का कोई मामला नोटिस में नहीं आया है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Inter-City Train Between Baroda and Rajkot**

4576. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for providing Inter-city train between Baroda and Rajkot;

(b) whether the demand has been examined by Government; and

(c) if so, by when this train is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Demands for introduction of a train between Vadodara and Rajkot have been examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

**Sale of Railway Land by CIDC**

4577. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) has started selling the railway-land;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount likely to be earned therefrom and how it will be utilised; and

(d) the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Railways have not proposed any such scheme of selling the Railways land.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.