

However, the doubling of Bangalore-Kengeri (12.45 km) and Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32.43 km) sections of Bangalore-Mysore line have been included in the Railway Budget. The work would be taken up as per the operational priority and availability of resources.

Stoppage of Pooja Express at Gurgaon

2252. SHRI RAO MAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for stoppage of Pooja Express at Gurgaon; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have taken any action thereon; if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations had been received regarding stoppage of 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express at Gurgaon.

(b) These were examined but not found feasible for implementation.

Palace on Wheels for A.P.

2253. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Palace on Wheels for Andhra Pradesh derailed";

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for Government backing out of their commitment to the proposal initiated by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and agreed to by the then Minister of Railways;

(d) whether Government would have a fresh look at the project which would promote growth of tourism in the State; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A proposal to run a Palace on Wheels type luxury tourist train was