

### हबीबगंज रेलवे स्टेशन भोपाल के निर्माण पर खर्च की जाने वाली धनराशि

6815. श्री राघवजी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान भोपाल के निकट हबीबगंज रेलवे स्टेशन के निर्माण पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किए जाने का विचार है;

(ख) उक्त रेलवे स्टेशन का निर्माण कार्य कब तक समाप्त हो जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ग) निर्माण स्थल पर अतिक्रमण द्वारा बनी बत्ती का सफाया करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है तथा इस संबंध में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) 2.00 करोड़ रुपये

(ख) मार्च, 1995 तक

(ग) राज्य सरकार के साथ इस मामले में पहले ही से कार्रवाई की जा रही है

### Introduction of Palace on Wheels train in A.P.

6816. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO:  
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the Palace-On-Wheels train to cover South India especially Andhra Pradesh to attract tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of proposed circuit, its salient features and by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) what will be the charges and how much time it will take to cover the entire South India?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to  
(c) It is proposed to introduce tourist

train service on the pattern of Palace on Wheels on the following circuits covering South India:-

1. Madras Egmore-Pondicherry-Karaikal/Velankini-Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai-Rameshwaram-Thanjavur-Chidambaram-Madras Egmore,
2. Bombay-Aurangabad-Nanded-Secunderabad-Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay.
3. Goa (Madgaon)-Mangalore-Mysore-Hospet-Bangalore-Goa (Madgaon)
4. Bangalore-Mysore-Madras-Kodaikanal. Road-Kanniya Kumari-Trivandrum-Cochin-Mettupalayam-Bangalore.

The Salient features of the scheme are that these services will be operated on itineraries of 7 nights/8 days on the principle of "travel at night and sight-seeing by days". While the tourist train service listed at serial no.1 is being launched in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation from October, 1994, for the remaining it has been decided to invite bids on 'Build and Operate basis' from public and private sectors in the field of tourism, travel, hotel and related industries. The estimated time for construction and introduction of these services would be one year from the date of award of contact after finalisation of bids.

### Manning of Unmanned level-crossings

6817. SHRI GOPALRAO  
VITHALRAO PATIL:  
MISS SAROJ  
KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have begun the process of manning 500 unmannel level-crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of unmanned

level-crossings in all the zonal Railways;

(d) whether the Railways have any plan for manning additional number of level-crossings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to the Zonal Railways to start preparatory work for manning of 500 unmanned level crossings as detailed below:

Railway	No. of level crossings
Central	67
Eastern	7
Northern	104
North Eastern	34
Northeast Frontier	2*
Southern	83
South Eastern	22
Western	181
	500

(c) About 23,000.

(d) and (e) Manning of level crossings is done as per rules, on the request of State Government, who have to bear the initial Capital cost. However, considering the gravity of consequences of accidents at level crossings, the Railways man some of the vulnerable level crossings to be identified as per laid down criteria, at their own cost.

#### Indian Railway Finance Corporation

6818. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are Planning to tap the capital market in a big way through the Indian Railway Finance Corporation to raise funds for their various expansion and modernisation projects;

(b) if so, does it not amount to diversification of the role so far played by the IRFC; and

(c) what are the details of the expansion and modernisation Project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. However, the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways proposes to raise funds to the extent of Rs. 1050 crores during 1994-95 for investment in Railway assets Rolling Stock for the present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Grant of Ex-gratia to CPF/SRPF

6819. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Ministry had referred the question of grant of ex-gratia relief to the surviving CPF/SRPF retirees to the Finance Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the Finance Ministry has sent their comments/recommendations to the Railway Ministry; and

(c) if so, whether the Railways have taken a decision on the proposal to grant ex-gratia relief to surviving CPF/SRPF retirees, with details about the nature of decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Ministry of Railways referred a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for grant of ex-grati pension to railway employees who retired under the State Railway Provident Fund (Contributory) Scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Not yet, Sir.