

**Purchase of electric locomotives**

384. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since placed any order worth 200 million dollars for purchase of electric locomotives from the Swedish-German firm Asea Brown Boveri;

(b) whether the deal includes transfer of technology for part-indigenous production of the machines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Advance letter of acceptance has been issued to M/s. Asea Brown Boveri (ABB) Switzerland on 18.3.92 for purchase of 30 no. 6000 HP 25 KV AC Electric Locos along-with associate spares in the form of three locomotives with transfer of technology at a total FOB Cost of Swiss Francs 169,689,970, Deutsche Marks 139, 140, 250 and Rs. 3,50,00,000. Detailed contract has yet to be issued.

(b) and (c) Contemplated Contract includes simultaneous transfer of technology for series manufacture of locomotives at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

**Running of Teesta-Torsha Express daily**

385. SHRI ASHIS SEN:

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of West Bengal to run the Teesta-Torsha Express daily instead of Tri-Weekly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A letter from Minister of Urban Development, Government of West Bengal has been received in this regard.

(c) Examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints.

**Untested technology offered by the ABB**

386. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three-phase technology offered by the ABB is untested;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it would harm the country's interests; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Loss incurred by railways due to forged tickets and ticketless travel**

387. SHRI ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss incurred by Railways during the last three years as a result of forged rail tickets and ticketless travel; and

(b) the detailed remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Checks are made by the railways to prevent travel on forged rail tickets and without tickets. No account of undetected losses is kept as such losses are unquantifiable.

(b) In order to curb the menace of forged ticket and ticketless travel, preventive and decoy checks are conducted in Reservation/Booking Counters, Platforms and running trains throughout the country. Special concerted

drives are also launched during Summer Rush, Holidays and during Durga Pooja/ Dussehra/Diwali period to detect such cases and punish deterrently.

Public are educated/exhorted through Press, T.V. Posters, etc. not to buy tickets from touts and unauthorised sources, which is illegal.

**Increase in the quota of reservation in trains passing through Solapur station**

388. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been persistent demands from the public to increase the quota of reservations of berths in various trains passing through Solapur Railway Station;

(b) the details of berths available

present in different trains at Solapur Station;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to examine the requirements of the travelling public in this regard; and

(d) if so, the number of berths proposed to be increased during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of reservation quotas available at Solapur by various trains are given in the enclosed statement [see below]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An additional quota of five second class berths is being allotted at Solapur Station by 2101 Minar Express for Bhubaneshwar w.e.f. 6.12.1992.

**Statement**

***Increase in the quota of reservation in Trains Passing Through Solapur Station.***

Train No.		Quota A.C. 2-tier	1st class	2nd berths	class seats
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1024	Solapur-Bombay Express	30 (3 days)	16 (3days) 30 (4days)	194	—
	Upto Kalyan	—	—	49	—
	Upto Nagpur	—	2	50	—
	Upto Gorakhpur	—	—	3	—
	Upto Varansi	—	—	4	—
	Upto Faizabad	—	—	4	—
1081	Bombay-Kanyakumari Express	—	—	20	—
1096	Pune-Ahmedabad Express	6	—	18	—
2101	Bombay-Secunderabad Express	—	—	26	—
	Upto Bhubaneshwar	—	—	5	—
2102	Secunderabad-Bombay Express	—	—	16	—
2135	Bombay-Mangalore Express	—	—	4	—
	Upto Cochin	—	—	8	—
2136	Mangalore-Bombay Express	—	2	10	—
2604	Trivandrum-Rajkot Express	3	—	10	—
2627	Bangalore-New Delhi Express	2	—	12	—
2628	New Delhi-Bangalore Express	—	—	14	—
2638	Cochin-Ahmedabad Express	2	—	10	—
2732	Secunderabad-Rajkot Express	3	—	10	—