

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railways Electrification has been identified as thrust area and a target of electrification of 3500 RKMs has been programmed during the Eight Five Year Plan.

#### **Rail India Technical and Economic Services**

3023. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) is in the race for some of the plum consultancy contracts abroad and expects to boost its overseas earning during 1992-93 as reported in the 'Financial Express' dated 23rd July, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the names of countries and its future plans to explore new world markets further; and

(c) the number of projects the Rail India Technical and Economic Services has so far executed and the amount in million dollars received by it so far indicating outstanding payments, if any, with the names of such countries and time likely to be taken for settlement of dues?

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

(b) RITES are providing consultancy services in a number of countries such as: Cambodia, Iran, Indonesia, Algeria, Togo, Egypt, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Yemen, Qatar, Botswana, Mozambique, Fiji, Ghana and Zambia. The company will compete alongwith others for consultancy contracts as hitherto.

(c) Over 600 contracts have been executed in India and over 100 including those currently under execution, have been executed in the foreign countries. Total amount received so far is equivalent to US Dollars 160 494RS—7.

million for the foreign contracts. The outstanding payments against these foreign contracts in US Dollars 0'72 millions. In addition, an amount of US Dollars 49,66 millions is also awaiting realisation from deferred payment contract in Iraq.

#### **हिमाचल प्रदेश में छोटी लाइन का मीटर लाइन में बदला जाना**

3029. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान हिमाचल प्रदेश में कौन-कौन सी छोटी लाइनों को मीटर लाइन में बदले जाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) क्या कालका से परवाना तक रेल लाइन विछाने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब और उस पर अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान हिमाचल प्रदेश में किसी छोटी लाइन के आमान परिवर्तन की योजना नहीं है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) कालका-तिपरा (परवाना) बड़ी लाइन के निर्माण को अप्रैल, 82 में अनु-मोदित किया गया था लेकिन बाद में राज्य सरकार और परवाना औद्योगिक एसोसिएशन के अनुरोध पर 1985 में इसे छोड़ दिया गया ।

#### **Suburban Slow Local Trains in Bombay**

3030. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that at Dadar Railway Station in Bombay suburban slow local trains originate and terminate on Platform No. 1 and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there are only two stair-case landing for this island platform;

(c) whether it is also a fact that when local trains terminate, the stair-case get congested and hamper the movement of commuters; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to provide more landing and staircases for this island platform No. 1 and 2 at Dadar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 20 pairs of slow local trains originate/ terminate on platform No. 2,

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As no space is available for provision of any additional landings on Platform Nos. 1 and 2, no proposal for augmenting these facilities at these platforms is under consideration at present.

#### **Opening of Computerised Booking Windows in Bombay**

3031. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for opening of Computerised Booking Windows for long distance trains in different parts of Bombay and around Bombay;

(b) the names of the places in Bombay region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows;

(c) the names of the places where the new Booking counters are proposed to be opened in the near future; and

(d) what are the criteria to be followed in selection of these places?

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

(b) Names of places in Bombay Region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows are Bombay V.T., Bombay Central, Churchgate, Thane, Kalyan and Borivli.

(c) Kurla Terminus.

(d) Reservation workload, population density, distance from the nearest computerised reservation centre and the cost.

#### **News item captioned "Railways utilising air space over stations"**

3032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated 13th July, 1992 under the caption "Railway utilising air space over stations" . . .

(b) whether this policy is likely to be implemented in all the zones of the Railways;

(c) what are the proposals under consideration in the South Central Railways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to ensure maximum utilisation of air space over stations in the South Central Railway?

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

(b) Commercial exploitation of space over stations on Mankhurd-Belapur railway line has been taken up by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) of the Government of Maharashtra, who is the owner of the land. There is no policy or proposal for such commercial exploitation of space over stations by Railways under consideration. However, there is a proposal for exploring the feasibility of commercial exploitation of space over railway land, which is still in a conceptual stage.