

Conversion of Tirupati-Pakala Railway line

2017. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the Tirupati-Pakala Meter Gauge railway line to Broad Gauge and for formation of parallel Broad Gauge line between Pakala-Katpadi in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraints of resources.

Abolition of a contract system of track works in the Railways

2018. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract system recently introduced in the matter of track works is proposed to be abolished; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of new train between Faridabad and Delhi

2019. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of daily commuters travelling between Faridabad and

Delhi have represented to the Railway authorities for the introduction of a new train between the two stations in the morning so as to enable them to reach their place of work in time;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a protest against the Railways' inability to accede to their request, trains were recently held up at Faridabad;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not introducing an additional train in the morning hours; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to solve the problem?

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

(c) Resource constraints.

(d) It is proposed to introduce a new train between Ballabgarh and New Delhi serving Faridabad also depending upon availability of coaches from the Production Units.

Visit by scouts of Railway Board to earthquake affected areas

2020. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some groups of Scouts of Railway Board have been permitted to visit the areas affected by earthquake in Uttarkashi;

(b) whether the affected areas of Uttarkashi were under the strict control of Indian Army;

(c) whether it is a fact that the group was not allowed to reach the affected areas of Uttarkashi;

(d) what are the details of the responsibilities assigned to the group;

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for sending the group without obtaining