

Railway accidents due to Bomb blasts

2305. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of railway accidents due to bomb blasts that took place during the last two months; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to make rail travel safe ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Ministry of Railways have informed that there were two train accidents due to bomb blast during the period 1-3-90 to 30-4-1990.

(b) Since law and order is a State subject, policing on the railways is done by the respective State Governments. In order to make rail travel safe, the State Police authorities have been conducting checking of passengers' luggage and trains in affected areas. Track patrolling is also being done by the State Police in such cases.

As far as Railways are concerned, thorough inspection of coaches is undertaken in washing lines/yards before their placement on platforms. Pilot engines are run before passenger trains wherever required. The movement of passenger trains, in extreme emergent situation is restricted to day hours only. The travelling public is also warned through public address system, through T.V. and posters, not to touch or handle any unclaimed/suspicious object and to report the matter to the Railway/Police authorities, if and when any such object comes to notice.

STD facility in Andhra Pradesh

2306. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of new towns and centres expected to be provided with STD in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1990-91; and

(b) the names of such towns in West Godavari district to be provided with STD facility in 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Akiveedu, Bapatla, Bellampalli, Bhuvanagr, Bodhan, Bollaram, Dronachalam, Garividi, Kamareddy, Mandapeta, Manuguru, Miryalguda, Nagar Kurnool, Narketpally, Palavoncha, Pervathipuram, Peddapalli, Penukonda, Pithapuram, Repale, Toopran, Sattapanalli, Sullurpet, Sirpurkagaznagar, Remigarur

Madarapuram, Medchal, Shamsabad, Palavancha, Jeedimetla, Vanasthalpuram. (29 Stations)

(b) Akiveedu (since commissioned)

Political subversion in Punjab

2307. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government have realised the grave threat of political subversion to the State and has appraised the Centre of it;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;