

stations at major metropolitan cities, establishment of super speciality hospitals, setting up of manufacturing units for rolling stock, infrastructure projects for port connectivity through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and several activities in catering/tourism and hospitality area have been identified for possible execution through public-private partnership route.

Outsourcing of rail ticket through post

1140. SHRIVIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to outsource the railway ticketing system in the semi-rural and far-flung areas to India Post; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the steps taken to create the required infrastructure and also for training the assigned personnel who would operate the reservation system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) A proposal for selling of Tickets through Post Offices is under finalization in consultation with the Department of Post. Provision of infrastructure and training of personnel is part of the proposal.

Difficulties faced by passengers due to unauthorised entry of milkmen in trains

†1141. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that common passengers have to face a lot of difficulties due to unauthorized entry of milkmen bringing milk from adjoining areas to Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps Government are going to take to deal with this problem;

(c) whether any proposal to run a separate train for these milkmen is under consideration of Government;

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