

ATM at stations

†1924. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to provide ATM facilities at the railway stations;

(b) whether any agreement has been made in this regard with the State Bank of India; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to enter into an agreement for introducing ATM facilities of other nationalised banks at railway stations, so that, the crowd at ATMs can be controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with State Bank of India for installation of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) at 681 stations (one station added later on) by State Bank of India and its associate banks.

(c) A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Railways and Six Nationalised Banks namely Punjab National Bank, Dena Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Indian Bank and Union Bank of India for installation of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) at 711 stations has been signed on 22/11/2006.

Trains converted as a superfast

1925. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of express trains have been converted to superfast trains in different railway zones making journey of regular passengers mainly office goers costly;

(b) if so, the details of such converted trains, zone-wise;

(c) the changes made in the speed and other facilities in such converted trains; and

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