

Attachment of Nanded division to Central Railway

3179. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for attachment of Nanded railway division to Central Railway is long pending before the Central Government;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government has been requesting again and again to the Central Government for attachment of Nanded division with Central Railway as it would be more beneficial for the citizens of Nanded region and also convenient for better administration; and

(c) what is the present status of the proposal and what would be the likely decision of Government thereon?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decision to place a particular division under a particular zone is taken based on the operational/administrative requirements without any regional considerations. The proposal, when seen in the light of the above criterion has not been found feasible.

Security of keys of EMU units

3180. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) why the motorman of EMU units in Chennai are asked to carry and keep the keys with them even while they are off the duty against rule 4-19 which stipulates that they should carry the keys while on duty only; and

(b) whether the Ministry would take steps to secure the keys while the motormen are off duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Motormen in Chennai division of Southern Railway have been issued special four keys for operation of EMUs as per the stipulation of AC Traction Manual 1994, Vol-III-Para 30701 as motormen's personal effects. While off duty, motormen have to keep the keys in their briefcases which are kept secured in crew lobby. While resuming duty, these briefcases are taken back by the motorman. A few lockers are also provided for motormen to keep their briefcases, during off duty hours. This system is being followed in Western and Central Railway.

Target of daily income fixed for Pench Valley fast passenger train

†3181. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether income targets are fixed for trains from commercial point of view and if so, the target of daily income fixed for 285 Pench Valley fast passenger train;

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(b) whether the income target fixed for 285 Pench Valley fast passenger train is being achieved and the details of the income earned during the last three months; and

(c) whether the target of income fixed is being achieved by the train or whether it is earning much more than the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Train-wise targets are not fixed and also the train-wise data of income is not separately maintained.

Pench Valley fast passenger train

†3182. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total passenger capacity of 285 Pench Valley fast passenger train from Chhindwara with the details of reserved and unreserved capacity in all classes separately;

(b) the number of tickets sold from Chhindwara every day during last one month for 285 Pench Valley fast passenger along with the details of reserved and unreserved classes separately; and

(c) whether it is a fact that number of passengers travelling in this train is higher than specified capacity and the reasons for not adding more coaches despite the demand for increasing the number of coaches having been made by individuals and public representatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Train number of Pench Valley fast passenger leaving Chhindwara is 286. The total passenger capacity of 286 Pench Valley Passenger train is 1110. Capacity of First Class and Sleeper Class in reserved category is 22 berths and 288 berths respectively. Capacity of unreserved second class is 800 seats.

(b) The daily average number of tickets sold at Chhindwara during the period from 21st June, 2009 to 20th July, 2009 in 286 Pench Valley Passenger Train is 491 for reserved classes and 2096 for unreserved class.

(c) Augmentation of train by additional coaches is a continuous process and along with train composition, it is dependent on pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

Superfast trains in North Frontier Railway

3183. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of superfast trains in the North Frontier Railway sector; and

(b) the speed of a superfast train and distance maintained between the stations where the superfast train used to stop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The details regarding the 11 (eleven) pairs of superfast trains plying on North East Frontier Railway are as under:—

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