

- (iii) At present 14 pairs of Mail/Express and 9 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Gurgaon station. The duration of halt is 2 and 1 minutes respectively.
- (iv) There is no proposal for the present to construct state of art restaurant (Food Plaza) at Gurgaon railway station. However, there are 4 catering stalls and 7 catering trollies functioning at Gurgaon railway station which meet the catering requirements of the passenger.

Attacks on candidates appearing for railway board examinations

3777. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recent attacks on the candidates appearing for railway board examinations at a few places;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect the candidates and prevent such happenings in the future;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to give priority to local candidates in group 'C' and other lower level posts in Railways; and
- (d) whether there is a proposal to conduct such recruitment exams on all India basis instead of through regional boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is law and order issue. Instructions have been issued to the Zonal Railways to provide adequate security through RPF and local police authorities.

(c) and (d) Recruitment system is under review.

Upgradation of rail track and stations in Jharkhand

3778. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to upgrade single rail track to double rail track in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of Government's plan to upgrade the existing railway stations in Jharkhand and how much amount has been earmarked for this during the next one year, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) There are following 7 doubling projects in various stages of progress falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand:-

1. Barharwa-Tinpahar
2. Chandrapura-Rajabera-Chandrapura-Bhanaridaj
3. Goelkera-Manoharpur 3rd line (Chakradharpur-Bondamunda section)

4. Muri North Outer Cabin-Muri (Doubling of section with provision of 2nd bridge over Subarnarekha).
5. Padapahar-Banspani
6. Rajkharsawan-Sini 3rd line
7. Tinpahar-Sahibganj as Phase-I of doubling of Tinpahar-Bhagalpur.

(c) Twenty four stations in the State of Jharkhand have been identified for upgradation. The allocation of funds under 'Passenger Amenities' for 2009-10 for Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway and East Central Railway, in whose jurisdiction railway stations in the State of Jharkhand are located is Rs.319.83 crore.

Construction of new Railway Station in Chhattisgarh's capital

†3779. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has requested for construction of a new railway station etc. in its new capital; and

(b) if so, the latest information in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) A letter has been received from Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh requesting Railways to consider providing rail connectivity to its proposed new capital at 'Naya Raipur'.

Coach factory to manufacture ICF design fabricated bogies

3780. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the establishment of a coach factory to manufacture ICF design fabricated bogies for passenger coach was announced in the railway budget 2007-08;

(b) if so, what is the progress made, so far, in the implementation of the proposal; and

(c) what is the total cost of the project and the budget allocations made, so far, and by when the project is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Setting up of a Rail Coach Factory in Kerala was announced in Railway Budget 2008-09.

(b) Government of Kerala has promised to make 1000 acres of land available, free of cost, for this project. RITES have prepared the Detailed Project Report after inspecting the land earmarked by the State Government. Requisite approvals are under process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.