

The State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have also undertaken various steps to make the cultivation of sugarcane remunerative to farmers. For example, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has increased the State Advised Price (SAP) and the State Government of Maharashtra has launched an ambitious Pilot Programme in 2009-10, which aims at enhancing sugarcane productivity through joint efforts of State Agriculture Department, Sugarcane factories, State Agricultural Universities and Research Institutes.

Setting up of a coach factory at Kanjikode in Kerala

***137 SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good part of land required for setting up a coach factory at Kanjikode in Palakkad district of Kerala has already been acquired and the balance has been promised by the State Government to be made available according to the schedule fixed by Railway authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the formal clearance will be accorded for setting up the coach factory and the ground work be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Government of Kerala has stated that, out of 430 acres required for the coach factory, 235.55 acre is already available with District Collector, Palakkad and balance land will be made available according to the schedule fixed by Railways.

Planning Commission has accorded 'in principle' approval. Further action for approval of the project is being expedited.

Safety in trains

***138. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of enhanced terror threat to travellers and increasing crimes on trains, Railways have worked out a seven-point action plan to ensure safe and secure travel for passengers;

(b) if so, whether high level meeting of State Home Secretaries, officials from Ministry of Home Affairs and her Ministry has decided to strengthen security in naxal-affected areas;

(c) whether to effectively curb increasing cases of crimes, Inter-State police teams will be formed for a group of trains running through the States; and

(d) if so, the other measures taken in this regard and to what extent these measures have helped in ensuring safety in trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Safety and security are our priority area. Railway is much concerned about crime in Railways. The Railway system being the softest target is the most vulnerable to sabotage and other destructive activities by the anti-social elements.