

Construction of Adarsh Railway Stations

1035. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on construction of 375 Adarsh Railway Stations is going on as per schedule;
- (b) the progress made in this regard so far;
- (c) by when the entire work is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the total amount involved in the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Identification of stations for undertaking improvement/upgradation of passenger amenities under Adarsh station scheme is a continuous process. So far, 145 stations have been developed as Adarsh station. Expenditure for improvement/upgradation of passenger amenities under this scheme is done under Plan Head "Passenger Amenities" for which an allocation of Rs. 1102 crores has been made for financial year 2009-10 for all Zonal Railways.

Change of name of railway stations

1036. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of change of names of railway stations from Nanded (Maharashtra) as Hazoor Saheb Nanded, Attari (Punjab) as Sham Singh Attari and Baj Baj Ghat (Kolkata, West Bengal) as Kama Gata Maru, which have historical significance; and
- (b) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The proposal regarding changing the name of "Nanded" railway station as "Hazoor Saheb Nanded" station was approved by Ministry of Home Affairs and necessary notification issued by Government of Maharashtra. Ministry of Railways have also issued instructions to the Zonal Railways in this regard.

The proposal regarding change of name of "Attari" station as "Attari Sham Singh" station has been closed by the Ministry of Home Affairs as no detailed justification was forthcoming from the State Government concerned.

The proposal regarding change of name of "Budge Budge Ghat" station as "Komagata Maru Budge Budge" station was approved by Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Government concerned was requested by Ministry of Home Affairs to issue necessary notification which is still awaited.

Sabotage of railway properties by Maoist

1037. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of incidents of sabotage of railway properties perpetrated by the outlawed maoist organization reported during the last two years;

- (b) whether any action has been taken against the Maoists by the Railways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The numbers of incidents of sabotage suspected to have been perpetrated by the Left Wing Extremists during the years 2008 and 2009 were 21 and 41 respectively over Indian Railways.

(b) to (d) Policing on Railways is the duty of the State Governments concerned, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). As such, maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. FIR has been lodged by the Railway authorities in the incidents against which, specific cases have been registered by the concerned Government Railway Police.

Placement of doctors in Duronto Express

1038. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to place doctors on board in Duronto Express;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would also take initiative to place doctors in all long distance trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) to (e) Placing of doctors, in Duronto Express trains only has been started as a pilot project for a period of one year. The scheme envisages availability of one doctor and a paramedic on board, to deal with medical emergencies.

Phasing out of IRCTC

1039. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to phase out services of Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and handle catering services itself;
- (b) whether Government has also asked IRCTC to stop contract catering services of IRCTC to private licensees and shift to department canteen;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to hire huge manpower to carry out the catering services; and