

[11 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The proposal of Department of Heavy Industry on a policy decision for reservation of wagon orders for PSUs is presently under consideration of the Union Cabinet.

(e) Ministry of Railways are consistently following the policy of extending maximum encouragement to PSUs within the framework of Government's policy. This is reflected by the fact that the PSUs have a total load of 11105 wagons during 2000-2001 which is 18% higher than their best performance during the last 5 years. Indian Railways have recently decided on a long pending demand of PSUs to do away with the minus 30% clause in wagon tenders. This has emerged out of deliberations in the continuing dialogue between the Indian Railways and PSU Chiefs during February and August, 2000.

Extension of Secunderabad-Mehbubnagar Rail Service

2286. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend Secunderabad-Mehbubnagar rail service up to Kurnool, to help commuters; and

(b) if so, by when the new service is proposed to be started?

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

(b) Does not arise.