

- (d) if so, how the title of this land was transferred to Sunbeam School, Lahartara; and
- (e) the action Government will take to evict these lands particularly the land in records and has been transferred to Sunbeam, Lahartara?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Total 0.22 acre of railway land has been vacated from encroachments during last one year in North Central and North Eastern Railways.

(b) Janta Vidyalaya has encroached 0.42 acre of railway land in Varanasi, North Eastern Railway.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Allotment of railway building to trade union offices

4735. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms for allotment of railway buildings to trade union offices in Railways;
- (b) the competent authority for such allotment and the detailed procedures for the same;
- (c) the number of buildings allotted to railway unions in Railways and the charges like electricity, water rent, etc., recovered from them for use of railway building as their offices;
- (d) whether such charges are raised and recovered in time; and
- (e) the outstanding dues, if any, to be recovered from Unions on account of using railway buildings as their offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) On the Indian Railways, suitable office accommodation is provided to the recognised Unions/Associations/Federations to the extent feasible.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Participation of private sector in Railways

†4736. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private companies are being invited on large scale in Railways; and
- (b) if so, the sector which are being privatized?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Prospective investors are free to participate in schemes/areas/projects identified for execution through private participation.

(b) There is no plan to privatize any sector of Railways. However, certain areas have been identified for execution through partnership with private sector. Some of these are: manufacturing of locomotives/coaches/wagons, development of world-class stations, operation of container trains, Liberalised Wagon Investment Scheme, connectivity to ports and other industrial clusters, private freight terminal, special freight train operation, auto hubs and ancillaries, medical colleges, educational institutions and revenue generation by leveraging the advertisement potential using railway's assets, properties and services etc.

Facilities for seasonal pass holders

4737. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided to the first class/AC Chair Car monthly pass holders travelling on Mumbai-Pune route;

(b) the action Railways has taken on numerous complaints by the seasonal pass holders travelling on this route daily in trains like Indrayani Express, Deccan Queen, Intra-City Express and Deccan Express;

(c) whether there is any plan to attach special bogies for seasonal pass holders, or providing them at least reserved seats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There is no separate provision of Monthly Season Ticket in AC Chair Car. However, 2 chair car coaches each in Train Nos. 2123/2124 CSTM-Pune Deccan Queen and 6 seats each in chair car coaches of Train Nos.2127/2128 CSTM-Pune Intercity have been earmarked for exclusive use of First Class season ticket holders.

(b) No such complaints have been received in this regard from 1st Class season ticket holders travelling by these trains.

(c) Presently there is no plan to further attach additional coaches for season ticket holders.

(d) Does not arise.

Condition of train compartments

4738. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the long distance trains like Rajdhani, Falaknama, Coromandal, Shatabdi, Dhanli Puri express, Tapaswini express, Konark expresses running from Orissa or coming to Orissa the condition of compartments is very bad in comparison to the compartments of the trains running in North India; and