

number of surplus steam engines at present and the estimated investment on them;

(b) the estimated annual expenditure on them including their maintenance, repairs and operation;

(c) the amount of coal consumed by them;

(d) the steps Government propose to take for fuller utilisation of surplus steam engines?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) On date, there are no surplus steam locomotives zone-wise, but 201 condemned locomotives are awaiting breaking-up. But as traffic patterns keep on changing, the requirements of steam locomotives are a subject of regular review *vis-a-vis* the number and condition of the holdings.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Payment of commission to Authorised tourist agencies

3014. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI HARISHANKAR BHABHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Zone-wise names of tourist agencies authorised to issue tickets and also the amount of annual Commission given to them by Railways during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the measures Railways are taking to save the amount of Commission on tickets for passengers, other than overseas tourists?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) The Tourist Agencies authorised to issue railway tickets are indicated below:—

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(a) The Tourist Agencies authorised to issue railway tickets are indicated below

Central Railways

1. M/s. Trade Wings, Bombay.
2. M/s. Trade Wings, Pune.
3. M/s. Travel Corporation (India), Bombay.
4. M/s Travel Corporation (India), Agra.
5. M/s Asiatic Travel Service, Bombay.
6. M/s. Travel Corporation (India), Pune.
7. M/s. Air-Freight Pvt. Ltd., Bombay .
8. M/s. Hind Musaffir Travel Agents, Bombay.
9. M/s. Ambassador Travel Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
10. M/s. Cox & Kings, Bombay.
11. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Bombay.
12. M/s. Orient Express, Bombay.
13. M/s. Vensimal Bastarmal, Bombay.

Eastern Railway :

1. M/s. Vensimal Bassarmal & Bros., Calcutta.
2. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co., Calcutta.
3. M/s. Panurge & Co., Calcutta.
4. M/s. Travel Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.
5. M/s. American Express, Calcutta.

Northern Railway :

1. M/s. Orient Express Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
2. M/s. Travel Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
3. M/s. Travel Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow.
4. M/s. Cox & Kings (India) Ltd., New Delhi.
5. M/s. Mercury Travels (India) Ltd., New Delhi.
6. M/s. Sita World Travel (India), New Delhi.
7. M/s. Everestt Travel Service, New Delhi.
8. M/s. Ambassador Travels Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
9. M/s. Mackinnons Travel Service, New Delhi.
10. M/s. Ind Travels, New Delhi.
11. M/s. Indian Air Travel, New Delhi.
12. M/s. American Express, New Delhi.
13. M/s. Chaudri International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
14. M/s. Trade Wings Ltd., New Delhi.
15. M/s. Indian Travels (P) Ltd., New Delhi.
16. M/s. Govan Travels, New Delhi.
17. M/s. World Wide Agencies, New Delhi.
18. M/s. STIG Travels, New Delhi.

Southern Railway :

1. M/s. Bharat Travel Service (P) Ltd., Madras.
2. M/s. Ram Mohan & Co. Ltd., Madras.
3. M/s. Thomas Cook India Ltd., Madras.
4. M/s. Trade Wings Ltd., Madras.

5. M/s. Travel Corporation (India) (P) Ltd., Madras.
6. M/s. Sherif Travel & Cargo Service (P) Ltd., Madras.
7. M/s. Mercury Travels (India) Ltd., Madras.
- South Central Railway :** M/s. Trade Wings (P) Ltd., Hyderabad.
- South Eastern Railway :**
1. M/s. American Express International, Calcutta.
 2. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Calcutta.
 3. M/s. Vensimal Bassarmal & Bros., Calcutta.
 4. M/S. Travel Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay, Calcutta.
 5. M/S. Panurge Co, Calcutta.
- Western Railway :**
1. M/s. Airfreight Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
 2. M/s. Travel Corporation India Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
 3. M/s. Hind Musafir Agency Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
 4. M/s. Orient Express Co. Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
 5. M/s. Cox & Kings (India) Ltd., Bombay.
 6. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Bombay.
 7. M/s. Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., Bombay.
 8. M/s. Vensimal Bassarmal & Bros., Bombay.
 9. M/s. Asiatic Travel Service, Bombay.
 10. M/s. Trade Wings Ltd., Bombay.
- North Eastern Railway :** No Tourist Agency is authorised.
- N. F. Railway :** No Tourist Agency is authorised.

Commission allowed to the Tourist Agents is indicated below :

(Figures in Lakhs)

Railway	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Central	2.27	2.37	2.50
Eastern	0.27	0.33	0.37

Railway	1980-81	1981-1982	1982-83
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Northern	4'91	3'99	3'75
Southern	3'07	3'58	3'52
South Central	0'71	0'37	0'37
South Eastern	0'23	0'29	0'26
Western	8'01	9'48	8'98
N.E. Railway
N.F. Railway
TOTAL	19'47	20'41	19'75

(b) The Matter is under examination.

Under utilisation capacity of rolling stock

3015. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI HARISHANKAR BHABHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum speed for which
 (i) main trunk route railway tracks;
 (ii) modern coaches; (iii) box-wagons;
 (iv) diesel engines of passenger and goods trains; (v) electric engines of passenger and goods trains are capable;

(b) the average actual speed of passenger and goods trains at present on main trunk routes run by the above engines; and

(c) the estimated resultant capacity under-utilisation of the rolling stock and also the estimated loss of railway revenue as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) The maximum permissible speed in any section of Railway line is sanctioned in relation to the track structure (viz. rail section, sleeper density, ballast cushion, type of formation and their condition), grades, curves, strength of bridges, standard of signalling etc. It is also different for different types of rolling stock on the same section. The maximum permissible speed, therefore, varies from section to section and for different types of rolling stock and these are incorporated in Railways working time tables. The designed and maximum sanctioned speeds of modern track, diesel and electric engines, modern coaches and roller bearing box wagons are given below:

Designed speed	Maximum sanctioned speed	Remarks
(i) Modern track 130 to 160 kmph with 60 kg/52 kg rails concrete sleepers elastic fastening, 30 cms ballast cushion etc. good formation on	130 kmph (on New Delhi-Howrah route) 120 kmph on Delhi-Bombay Rajdhani route.	Modern track is available only in patches as it is being laid only where