

Campaign against Indiscriminate Alarm Chain Pulling

379. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a campaign against indiscriminate alarm chain pulling in running trains; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) Railways are fully alive to the problem of unauthorised alarm chain pulling by miscreants and anti-social elements. Every effort is being made by the Railway Administration to contain the evil. Ambush checks besides the normal checks against unauthorised alarm chain pulling with the assistance of Ticket Checking Staff, Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police are conducted at vulnerable points from time to time. Cooperation of the State Government authorities concerned is also solicited, wherever necessary.

Creation of Separate Zones for the Suburban Services in the Metropolitan Cities

380. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to create separate zones for the suburban train services in the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) The entire question of reorganisation of railways, creation

of divisions/zones is presently under consideration of a High Powered Committee known as the Railway Reforms Committee. The report of the Committee on this matter, is still awaited. However, a proposal to make some special supervisory arrangements carved out from the existing resources to look after the suburban sections is under consideration.

Electrification of Railway Track

381. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total route kilometres likely to be electrified during the Sixth five year plan period; and

(b) the total route kilometres likely to be electrified in Andhra Pradesh during 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) A total of about 2300 Route Kilometres is likely to be electrified in Sixth Plan Period subject to availability of adequate funds.

(b) No additional Route kilometres of line are likely to be electrified in Andhra Pradesh in 1983-84.

Funds for Telugu Ganga Scheme

382. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds and other assistance the Central Government are contemplating for the Telugu Ganga Scheme to prepare a canal for providing Krishna river waters to Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the Vector Central Research Centre is undertaking a study of the possible ill-effects of the canal on the health in the area?