

(b) if so, the policy decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether the matter would be examined and appropriate decision would be conveyed to the public?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Slab pricing of rail tickets

1298. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are planning to go in for slab pricing of railway tickets as it is presently working in the airline sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it would take for its final implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Various strategies, including variable pricing, for improving occupation of passenger trains are under examination. However, no final decision has yet been taken.

Internal Rate of Return of rail lines falling under Rajasthan

† 1299. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Internal Rate of Return (IRR) from the new rail lines i.e. Dahod-Banswara, Ratlam-Banswara-Dungarpur and Falowdi-Nagaur in Rajasthan as per survey; and

(b) the reasons for finding them non-profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) The rate of return is given as under:-

(i) Dahod-Banswara	-	(-) 2.41%
(ii) Dungarpur-Ratlam via Banswara	-	(-) 2.35%
(iii) Phalodi-Nagaur		(-) 9.27%

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Adequate traffic is not available on the proposed routes.

Increasing the number of coaches in certain trains

† 1300. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been submitted before West-Central railway for increasing the number of coaches in the trains i.e. Kota-Jaipur-Shamgarh train No. 193/194, Dehradun Express train No. 9019A/ 9020A, Kota-Bhopal train No. 491/492 and Awadh Express;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when action would be taken on these proposals?

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

(b) and (c) Load of 9037/9038 Bandra-Gorakhpur and 9039/9040 Bandra-Muzaffarpur Avadh Expresses is being increased from 19 to 31 coaches from 15.9.2006. Augmentation of 193/194 Jaipur-Shamgarh Passenger, 9019A/9020A New Delhi-Neemuch Link Express and 491/ 492 Bhopal-Jodhpur Passenger is not feasible at present due to lack of commercial justification and also paucity of coaches.

Pension funds

1301. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of projected outgo on account of pensionary charges for the year 2006-07;

(b) whether there would be adequate residual balance in the Pension Fund for discharging pensionary liabilities during the year 2006-07;

(c) what action has been taken on the proposal to have an actuarial assessment done for railway pensioners to assess the future liability on pensionary charges; and

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