

Mancheswar compartment repairing factory

1464. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no substantial investment in Mancheswar compartment repairing factory till today; and

(b) considering the huge requirement of new compartments and goods wagons whether Railways has any proposal of new compartment building factory at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Modernization of workshop is an on going process. Over the last 10 years various works aggregating to about Rs. 38 crore have been approved for Mancheswar workshop.

(b) No, Sir.

Train running from Howrah to Indore

†1465. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a train has been running from Howrah to Indore in the name of 'Shipra Express' for years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand for years to make it run on daily basis;

(d) if so, by when this demand would be met; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, 9305/9306 Shipra Express (tri-weekly) is running between Indore-Howrah.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) At present, there is no proposal to increase the frequency of 9305/9306 Indore-Howrah Shipra Express (tri-weekly) due to operational and resource constraints.

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