

**MEMU train service for southern zone**

1479. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed Ernakulam-Kollam-Ernakulam MEMU service which has figured in the railway time table for the southern zone would be extended to Thiruvananthapuram;
- (b) if so, the time-frame for this to come into effect; and
- (c) whether any time-frame is finalized for the commissioning of MEMU service at Kollam and the delivery of the rakes?

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

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Railway Budget announcement are given effect during the course of the financial year.

**Permission for legal proceedings against corrupt officers**

†1480. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission and Central Bureau of Investigation have sought Ministry's permission for legal proceedings against corrupt officers;
- (b) if so, the number of such officers against whom permission for action has been sought during last three years;
- (c) the types of cases involving such officers, regarding which permission has been sought; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in granting permission for legal proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The role of CVC is only advisory in nature. However, the Central Bureau of Investigation seeks the permission of Railways for sanction of prosecution of officers after investigating the case.

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