

(c) and (d) Railways are managing and maintaining train operation services effectively which is evident from efficiency parameters for train operations like wagon utilization and wagon turn around, which have shown continuous improvement over the years. Further, the productivity of employees, measured in terms of net tonne kilometers (NTKMs) and passenger kilometers (PKMs) per employee has also shown continuous improvement over the years. The number of consequential train accidents have also declined. While recruitment in Railways is a continuous process, it is now at various stages for filling up the vacancies in Group 'C' and Group 'D' categories. This includes the backlog vacancies in respect of SC, ST and OBC, as also vacancies reserved for the physically challenged persons.

Rail projects in Gujarat

2242. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several major railway projects pertaining to Gujarat which were announced by the predecessor Minister have been stalled till date including new divisional Railway Office at Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has recently urged Government to revive such projects and complete them in time bound manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Further, no announcement was made for Divisional Railway Manager's Office at Surat.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of new technology at RDSO

2243. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: