

Stoppage of trains at unviable stations

3031. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is losing crores of rupees per year owing to uneconomic stops of trains at railway stations;
- (b) if so, the fact and details thereof;
- (c) whether the stoppages of trains on unviable stations are also posing serious security threats;
- (d) whether anti-national elements mostly enter the trains from such unviable stations;
- (e) if so, whether Government proposes to review its policy to provide halt of trains at unviable stations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Such data is not maintained by Indian Railways.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Restructuring of SAIL

3032. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for restructuring the SAIL is pending before the Appointment Committee of Cabinet for its nod;
- (b) whether clearance of the Committee will be expedited; and
- (c) if so, whether SAIL will launch its 20 per cent share sale plan to enable it to generate rupees 16,000 crore by the third quarter of current fiscal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for restructuring the Board of Directors of the Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) with a view to streamlining it as per the operational needs of the company is under active consideration.