

Automatic signalling system

3001. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Automatic Signalling System will augment the travelling frequency in railway lines;

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to install it in Thiruvananthapuram Thirissur sector in Kerala; and

(c) whether any cost evaluation study has been done by Railways for installing Automatic Signalling System and the details thereof?

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

(b) The present traffic on Thiruvananthapuram - Thirissur section does not justify Automatic Block Signalling. The works of patch doubling on Ernakulam-Kottayam- Kayankulam section and of Intermediate Block Signalling on Ernakulam-Thirissur and Kayankulam- Thiruvananthapuram in 8 block sections that are in progress, will be sufficient for the required capacity.

(c) No, Sir.

More trains for passengers commuting between NCR and Delhi

†3002. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce new local trains/increasing their frequency and providing stops of Express/Mail trains at smaller stations for the passengers commuting from and to National Capital Region Delhi, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to introduce local trains and to provide stops of Mail/Express trains particularly at Anand Vihar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Palwal etc. given the long frequency gap of local trains on these routes, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Delhi-Panipat Matribhoomi EMU Speciar (Six days a week) has been announced in the Railway

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