

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

(b) Does not arise. However, Railways have system of in house utilisation of part quantity of scrap by Railway Production units and the rest of scrap is sold off, by way of open auction/tender.

(c) Does not arise.

Stopping of trains at Sirkazhi railway station

697. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of trains stopping at Sirkazhi in Tamil Nadu after the recent renovation of the railway station there;

(b) the additional trains likely to stop and the time period within which these stoppages would be ensured; and

(c) whether computerised reservation services are proposed to be made available or further improved at this important pilgrimage centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) At present, 813/814 Villupuram-Mayiladuturai and 817/818 Villupuram-Mayiladuturai Passenger trains stop at Sirkazhi. With effect from 1st August 2010, it is proposed to provide stoppages of the following trains at Sirkazhi:

1. 6175/6176 Chennai Egmore-Nagore Express (daily)
2. 6853/6854 Chennai Egmore-Tiruchchirappalli Express (daily)
3. 6701/6702 Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram Express (daily)
4. 4260/4259 Varanasi-Rameswaram Express (weekly)
5. 8495/8496 Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram Express (weekly)
6. 6735/6736 Chennai Egmore-Tiruchendur Express (weekly)

(c) Unreserved Ticketing System-cum-Passenger Reservation System has been commissioned on 10th October 2009 at Sirkazhi Railway Station.

Involvement of Maoists in train accidents

698. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN:

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents in which Maoists are involved in train accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maoists have attacked trains more than any other Government infrastructure;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and