

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

(d) the steps Government is taking for the safety of passengers from these attacks?

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

The number of train accidents due to sabotage by Maoists reported during the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 (January to June) are as under :-

Year	Number of accidents in which Maoists are involved
2008	6
2009	3
2010 (January to June)	8

(b) and (c) The security scenario in the country has changed drastically in the recent past. There has been a rise in Maoist attacks on critical infrastructure of Railways. The Railways because of its vast network and expanse have become a soft target of the Maoists/extremists.

(d) 'Policing on Railways' is a state subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments concerned which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP) and civil police. Railways bear 50% cost of expenditure on the Government Railway Police. RPF is supplementing the GRP in controlling crime in Railways.

However, following measures are being taken by the Railways for safety of passengers :-

- (i) Nominated trains are escorted by Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railway Protection Force (RPF) on the vulnerable sections/areas.
- (ii) Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India has issued directions to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal to make additional deployment of Civil Police, Government Railway Police (GRP) and Central Para Military Forces to avoid attacks on Railway infrastructure and avert any likely disasters.
- (iii) Coordination meetings are held by the General Managers and Chief Security Commissioners/RPF at Zonal level and Divisional Railway Managers and Sr. Divisional Security Commissioners/RPF at Divisional level with the State Governments and Districts Administrations respectively.
- (iv) An Integrated Security System costing Rs. 353 crores has been approved to strengthen surveillance mechanism over sensitive and vulnerable Railway stations. In the first phase, it is being implemented at 202 sensitive Railway stations.