

out the surveys for new rail lines, rehabilitation of railway network and modernisation of techniques.

Laying of Railway Lines in backward areas

*703. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give priority to the backward areas in the matter of laying of new rail lines in future;

(b) whether Government have also suggested to the private sector to provide the necessary infrastructure therefor by taking up development works in the backward areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) In their 171st and 191st Reports, the Public Accounts Committee had recommended that a comprehensive long term plan may be drawn up for the construction of railway lines in the hilly and backward areas of the country. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government and the matter is under active consideration of the Ministry of Railways in consultation with other concerned Ministries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of new passenger Trains

*704. SHRI LOKNATH MISRA:

SHRI NARASINGHA

PRASAD NANDA:

SHRI BRAHMANANDA
PANDA:

SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA
MAHANTI:

SHRI PATITPABAN PRA-
DHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number, along

with the terminals, of the new passenger trains introduced during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

New trains introduced during June to November, 1977

BROAD GAUGE

1. 543/544 Jolarpettai-Erode Passenger.

2. 91/92 Tatanagar-Muzaffarpur Express (triweekly).

3. 29/30 Tirupati East-Hyderabad Rayalsema Express.

4. 303/304 Madras-Arakkonam Express.

5. 443/444 Arakkonam-Renigunta Passenger.

6. 455/456 Tirupati East-Renigunta Passenger.

7. 317/318 Miraj-Satara Passenger.

8. 7JF/12JF Jullundur City-Firozpur Passenger.

9. 51/52 Raipur-Waltair Link Express.

10. 1CB/2 CB Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Shuttle.

11. 59/60 Howrah-Bombay VT (via Nagpur) Gitanjali Express (biweekly)

METRE GAUGE

12. 135/136 Madras-Madurai Vigan Express (6 days in a week).

13. 69/70 Kacheguda-Ajmer Express (biweekly).

14. 237/238 Bikaner-Jaipur Express (to be introduced when breaches on Phulera-Degana are resorted)

15. 387/388 Visavadar-Junagadh Passenger.

16. 296/299 Birur-Shimoga Passenger.

17. 243/244 Bangalore-Dharmavaram Passenger.

18. 617 Tambaram-Chengalpattu Passenger.

231 Maishashan-Karimganj Passenger

19 1BBS/2BBS Suratgarh-Bikaner Passenger.

20. HD1/DH6 Dharwar-Hubli Passenger.

21. HD9/DH10 Dharwar-Hubli Passenger.

22. 425/426 Chotila-Than Mixed.

23. 257/258 Tinsukia-Dangri Passenger.

NARROW GAUGE

24. 3PB/2PB Pathankot-Baijnath Paprola Passenger.

25. 187/188 Miyagam Karjan-Dabhoi Passenger.

State Capitals connected with Delhi by Superfast trains

*705. SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA MAHANTI:

SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA:

SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI PATITPABAN PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State Capitals which have been connected with Delhi by Super fast or Deluxe trains through the shortest routes; and

(b) the reasons for which Bhubaneswar, the Capital of Orissa, has not been provided with similar facility?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The following State Capitals have been connected with Super fast or Deluxe A. C. trains with Delhi/New Delhi by the shortest route:—

Name of the State	Headquarters
1. Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad.
2. Bihar	Patna.
3. Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu (Winter Capital)
4. Karnataka	Bangalore.
5. Kerala	Trivandrum.
6. Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal.
7. Maharashtra	Bombay.
8. Rajasthan	Jaipur.
9. Tamil Nadu	Madras.
10. Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow.
11. West Bengal	Calcutta.

Though Bhubaneswar, Capital of Orissa State, is not connected directly by a fast train with Delhi/New Delhi by the shortest route, a fast train viz. 143/144 Kalinga Express has been provided once a week between Nizamuddin and Bhubaneswar/Puri via Jhansi, Katni, Bilaspur and Kharagpur from 1-4-1977.

Opinion by Directors regarding payment to political parties through advertisements in Souvenirs, Bulletins

*706 SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI:

SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri J. C. Shah ex-Chief Justice of India, Shri C. K. Datt, M.P. and ex-Attorney General of India and Shri N. A. Palkhiwala, Indian Ambassador to USA are Directors of several public and private limited companies; and

(b) whether Government are aware that all of them had given