

Cancellation of train-stoppages

◆165. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRI SHYAMLAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoppages of the Dehradun Express, Sealdah Express, Bombay-Howrah Express and Janata Express trains at Chandauli Majhwar and Saidraja railway stations have been cancelled recently; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Only the experimental stoppage of 3/4 Howrah-Bombay Mail at Saidraja has been withdrawn from 1-5-77 on account of poor traffic offering. The stoppages of 9/10, Doon Express, 51/52 Sealdah-Jammu Tawi Express and 61/62 Howrah-Dehradun Janata Express at Saidraja and Chandauli Majhwar still continue. 3/4 Howrah-Bombay Mail was not provided with stoppages at Chandauli Majhwar.

Amenities to passengers at Railway Stations

•166. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the amount earmarked annually for each Railway Zone for providing amenities to passengers at railway stations during the last three years; and

(b) the actual expenditure incurred on the above account by each Zone during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See *Appendix CII*, Annexure No. 12]

Running of Vidarbha Express

*167. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to run the Vidarbha Express from Gondia to Bombay V. T.; and

(b) if so, by when this service is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of a train between Bombay and Gondia has not been found operationally feasible for want of line capacity on Kalyan-Igatpuri section and terminal capacity at Gondia.

Expenditure on Maintenance and Repairs of Rolling Stocks

*168. SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-
WANA:
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:
SHRI N. K. BHATT;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a phenomenal increase in the expenditure on maintenance and repairs of rolling stock in the recent years:

(b) whether this increase has shown any significant results in the up-keep and availability of rolling stock; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) There has been some increase in expenditure on maintenance and repairs of rolling stock in the recent years.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.