

**Opening of full fledged ticket counter at Sankarankovil in Tamil Nadu**

1214. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up upgraded full fledged ticket counter functioning from 8 AM to 8 PM at Sankarankovil in Tamil Nadu for being a well known tourist and religious place and there is a need for such ticket counter system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The working of the existing ticket counter at this station is adequate as per the yardstick prescribed on Indian Railways.

**Lack of facilities at Tirupur railway station in Tamil Nadu**

1215. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation regarding lack of facilities, like lack of adequate ticket counters and unconditioned platforms in Tirupur railway station in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated any plan to upgrade the Tirupur railway station which handled 12000 passengers a day and generates above Rs.6 lakh in earnings;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. The Station was selected for development as Model station.

(c) The following works have been taken up at Tiruppur station:

(i) Platform shelter for the full coverage on Platform No.I.

(ii) Improvements to circulating area.

- (iii) Improvements to front elevation of station building.
- (iv) Provision of Passenger Reservation System with four counters.
- (v) New VIP Lounge and Pay & Use Toilets on Platform No.2.
- (vi) Renovation of Retiring Room.
- (vii) Provision of Coach Guidance System.
- (viii) Construction of second class waiting hall on Platform No.2 and
- (ix) Improvements to second entry circulating area.
- (d) Does not arise.

#### **Train service between Mumbai and Sawantwadi**

1216. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for introducing a new train connecting Mumbai with Sawantwadi in Konkan is pending with Government; and
- (b) if so, whether Government is likely to accord its approval to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Request for introducing a new train connecting Mumbai with Sawantwadi Road in Konkan Railway has been received. The same has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints. Mumbai and Sawantwadi Road are already connected by three pairs of trains. In addition, 0113/0114 Dadar-Sawantwadi Road Special train is running upto 26.11.2010.

#### **Introduction of Duronto train between Delhi and Khajuraho**

†1217. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to introduce a Duronto train between New Delhi and Khajuraho;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

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