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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made by Government during the last financial years in this respect?

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

(b) Two new concrete sleeper plants are approved to be set up in Assam under Northeast Frontier Railway, one at Bihara and other at Bhanga near Silchar in Assam. These plants will be in addition to existing four sleeper plants located at New Bongaigaon, Mirza, Jagiroad and Lumding in Assam.

(c) Work of setting up of concrete sleeper plant at Bihara was started during the current financial year and the same is at advance stage of progress. Tender for supply of sleepers by setting up a plant at Bhanga was opened on 14-3-2005 and the same is expected to be suitably decided early.

Railway Coach Factory

83. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start any Railway Coach Factory during the current financial year in the State of Assam;

(b) whether Government have any survey report on such factory; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Operation of container trains by private sector

†84. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to allow container

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trains by private parties keeping in view increasing operation of carrying goods through containers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number and names of the parties to whom permission for operating container trains are being proposed?

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

(b) and (c) All applicants who deposit the requisite registration fee and fulfill the minimum criteria of experience and turn-over/net-worth etc. as per the prescribed policy will be permitted. The registration is open from 16.1.2006 to 15.2.2006.

Transforming Kotdwara as state of the art railway station

†85. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an announcement of transforming Kotdwara railway station under Uttaranchal State into state-of-the-art railway station was made by his Ministry;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Kotdwara railway station is a 'D' Category station. For further development of this station, a work costing Rs. 68.37 lakhs was sanctioned in 2003-04 and has now **been completed in 2005-06**.

Crimes in trains

†86. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents that have occurred in the railway compartments during the last two years in which passengers were thrown out of the compartments and misbehaved and women passenger molested by the railway personnel and security personnel;

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