

[24 February, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

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

(b) No, Sir. However, 8407/8408 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Hirakud Express (tri-weekly) has been extended upto Visakhapatnam from 23.12.2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway Tariff Authority

704. SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute Railway Tariff Authority to ensure rationalization of tariffs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Authority is not required as the proposals for adjustments in Railways fares and freight rates included in the Railway Budget are debated and approved by the Parliament.

Progress of Multi Model Transport System

705. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, so far, only-50 per cent work has been completed on Multi Model Transport System of Falaknuma-Secunderabad project and