

(c) Yes, Sir. Complaints regarding delay in execution of MPLADS works in Orissa have been received in the Ministry from Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha).

#### **Vacancy of Member (Traffic) in Railway Board**

\*91. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Member (Traffic) in Railway Board is vacant for more than one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is not a fact that this post is most crucial for safety of Railways, as Member (Traffic) looks after management of this system in Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Upon appointment of Shri Vivek Sahai, the then Member (Traffic) as Chairman, Railway Board on 31.05.2010, the post of Member (Traffic) was vested with Chairman, Railway Board till June, 2011. On retirement of Shri Vivek Sahai on 30.06.2011, the post of Member (Traffic) has fallen vacant on 01.07.2011. Thereafter Shri Vinay Mittal took over as Chairman, Railway Board and arrangements were made for looking after the work of Member (Traffic) by him, as this officer is from Indian Railways Traffic Service.

(c) and (d) Safety on Indian Railways is under the overall charge of Chairman, Railway Board, who is assisted by other Members of Board, including Member (Traffic). Safety Officers can belong to any service in the Railways that deals with train operations.

#### **Opening of Central University in Motihari, Bihar**

†\*92. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places throughout the country where Government has decided to open Central Universities;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to open Central University in Motihari, Bihar;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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