

The above steps have been taken to curb the misuse of Tatkal facility.

(c) The operating expenses are estimated to increase by around Rs.560 crores in the current fiscal due to the recent hikes in diesel and petroleum prices. The Railways are making efforts to absorb the increase within the existing budgetary provision.

#### **Development of Kochuveli and Nemam Station**

1384. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have initiated any scheme for development of Kochuveli and Nemam stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total estimate for each project and the total expenditure incurred till date; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):  
(a) and (b) Work on provision of 2nd Coaching Terminal at Kochuveli has already been taken up. Proposal for taking up work on Development of Coaching Terminal at Nemam is under consideration.

(c) Anticipated cost for provision of 2nd Coaching Terminal at Kochuveli is Rs. 34.68 crore and an expenditure of Rs. 21.30 crore has been incurred on this work so far.

Work on Development of Coaching Terminal at Nemam is not yet sanctioned.

(d) Due to limited availability of funds, work on provision of 2nd Coaching Terminal at Kochuveli is still presently underway.

#### **Efforts to make travelling convenient**

†1385. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have chalked out any plan for further improvement in maintenance of operational rail coaches, cleanliness of railway stations etc.;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.