

Railways have decided to deal with the issue of encroachments in a humane manner. Housing being a State subject, resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) of encroachers is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has issued guidelines under the scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) in this regard. The issue of rehabilitation of slums existing in close proximity of Railway tracks has been taken up with Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation for relocation of slums under RAY.

Shortage of coal

2765. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortage of coal that has affected the functioning of Railways;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and details of railway lines that have been affected; and
- (c) the measures adopted by Railways to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. There has been no shortage of coal and Railway functioning has not been affected.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Converting old Ernakulam Railway Station into sub-urban station

2766. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have taken any steps to convert the old Ernakulam Railway Station into sub-urban railway transport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no policy for declaring a station as a suburban station. A station may however fall on a section declared as suburban. Ernakulam Railway Station does not fall on a suburban section.

E-ticketing facility to defence services

2767. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: