

- (b) if so, the progress made so far in setting up of these plants;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to set up Railway rolling stock plant in Maharashtra too;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 18th Feb'10, approved separate proposals of Ministry of Railways for setting up of Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura, Bihar and Rail Coach Factory at Kanchrapara, under Joint Venture, with respective partners selected through international competitive bidding.

(b) For Electric Locomotive Factory/Madhepura, bidders have been short listed after finalization of Request for Qualification (RFQ). Thereafter, Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued to the short listed bidders. However, currently, the RFP documents are being modified. Modified bid documents will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval. Fresh RFP documents will be issued to the pre-qualified bidders after obtaining approval of the Cabinet. For Kanchrapara factory, bidders have been short listed after finalization of Request for Qualification (RFQ). RFP documents are currently under finalization. The works relating to land development, electric supply arrangements, road and rail connectivity, are in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Railway manufacturing units are set up keeping in view the Railway's overall requirement of Rolling Stock. The existing and those already planned Rolling Stock manufacturing units are considered adequate to meet the railways requirement and there is no plan, at present, to set up any Rolling Stock manufacturing unit in Maharashtra.

Portal for E-ticket

†3992.SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new portal for booking e-tickets declared earlier by Railways has not commenced as yet;

(b) whether passengers are facing relatively more problems now in booking e-tickets owing to unusual delay in loading of IRCTC website; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Railways in the direction for improvement along with the time-frame set for it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The new portal was launched on 07.07.2011 and temporarily stopped for rectification of technical problems.

(b) No, Sir. E-ticket booking normally does not take much time. The highest ever booking of 4.7 lakh tickets in a single day has been achieved recently.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway terminal at Somnath - Veraval Junction

3993. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received requests from the public representatives for construction of railway terminal at Somnath - Veraval Junction under Western Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Railways thereon?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Model Railway Stations

3994. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms specified by Railways for a model station;

(b) the details of model stations in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh at present;

(c) whether passenger amenities are taken into consideration for declaring a station as model station;