

**Increasing frequency of certain trains**

2610. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider the proposal of State Government of Odisha for increasing the frequency of BBSR-Howrah Janshatabdi Express (2073-2074) from six days a week to daily and BBSR-Khurda Express from two days to four days a week?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): A proposal has been received by the zonal Railways from State Government of Odisha regarding increasing the frequency of 12073/12074 Howrah-Bhubaneswar Janshatabdi Express from six days to daily.

However, at present, it is not feasible to increase the frequency on 2073/12074 Howrah-Bhubaneswar Janshatabdi Express from six days to daily due to operational constraints like non availability of pit line, platform and stabling line at Bhubaneswar. Moreover, this train is given intensive maintenance in day time on Sunday. With regard to increase in the frequency of Bhubaneswar-Khurda Express from two days to four days a week, it is stated that no train of such name is running between Bhubaneswar and Khurda.

**Installing fire and smoke alarm system**

2611. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to install fire and smoke alarms in the running trains to serve as a warning to the travelling public with a view to save their lives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of trains where the above system has been installed; and
- (d) the action plan to cover all passenger trains in the entire railway network with the above system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to install fire and smoke alarms in running trains to serve as warning to travelling public in case of fire emergency.

(b) Fire and smoke detection system has been installed as a trial on one rake of New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani rake as a pilot project. Initial trial has been completed and based on the results of these trials, technical specification of the fire and smoke detection system is under revision. Extended field trials are planned further on representative population of coaches.

(c) The system has been installed on one rake of New Delhi- Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express on trial.