

priority areas by Railways for strengthening and up-gradation. Efforts made to strengthen railway security in recent past include nomination of 202 stations for installation of Integrated Security System, procurement of modern security related equipment, setting up of an All India Security Help Line, networking of RPF Posts and Security Control Rooms, establishment of a commando training center and three new Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) Battalions, up-gradation of RPF training centers etc.

Railway connectivity

3083. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that adjoining/nearby districts of Varanasi like Ballia, Ghazipur and Azamgarh are not well connected by trains with Varanasi;

(b) whether Government will extend Varanasi-Bareilly passenger train and Anand Vihar-Varanasi Garib Rath upto Ballia city *via* Ghazipur in view of inconvenience of the people of Ballia and Ghazipur districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Ballia, Ghazipur city and Azamgarh are well connected with Varanasi which are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Moreover in the Railway Budget 2012-13 a new train 15111/15112 Chhapra-Manduadih intercity has been announced, connecting Ballia-Ghazipur City and Varanasi.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal to extend 14235/14236 Bareilly-Varanasi and Anand Vihar-Varanasi Garib Rath upto Ballia due to operational constraints.

Commuter Rail System in Bengaluru

3084. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to introduce Commuter Rail System in Bengaluru to ease the transportation within the city and surrounding towns;