

(BDDS) has been proposed to be formed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CSTM) under Integrated Security System (ISS).

(b) and (c) For setting up the BDDS, a process for procurement of equipment has been started for which the contract has been awarded on 18.05.2012. As per the contract, equipment are required to be installed within 9 months from the date of awarding of contract.

(d) As part of Integrated Security System, bomb detection and disposal squads are being formed at nominated stations by the zonal railways. For this purpose, Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel are sent for specialized training. This is one of the measures initiated by the Railways to supplement efforts of States in providing security in station premises and trains as prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order over railways is the statutory responsibility of the States.

Improvement in Mumbai local train services

903. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to improve the miserable travelling conditions in Mumbai local suburban trains; and

(b) the detailed status of the project extending suburban services to Dahanu Road which was promised by the then Railway Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) To give the relief to daily commuters, the following steps have been taken to improve the suburban services of Mumbai area:—

128 AC/DC Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) rakes with new state-of-the-art technology having improved ventilation system, better seating arrangement and aesthetics have already been inducted into service since 2007-08. With the induction of these rakes:—

- 530 numbers of additional services (323 in Central Railway and 207 in Western Railway) have been introduced.
- 1001 numbers of services (650 in Central Railway and 351 in Western Railway) have been augmented from 9 cars to 12 cars.

(b) Hon'ble Minister of Railways during the Rail Budget 2012-13 has announced additional services in Mumbai sub-urban including Virar-Dahanu Road. These services are being planned and will be introduced as and when EMU Coaching stock become available.